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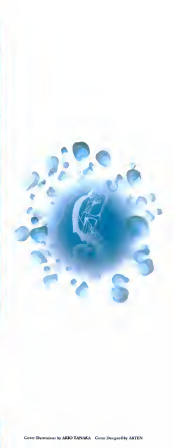

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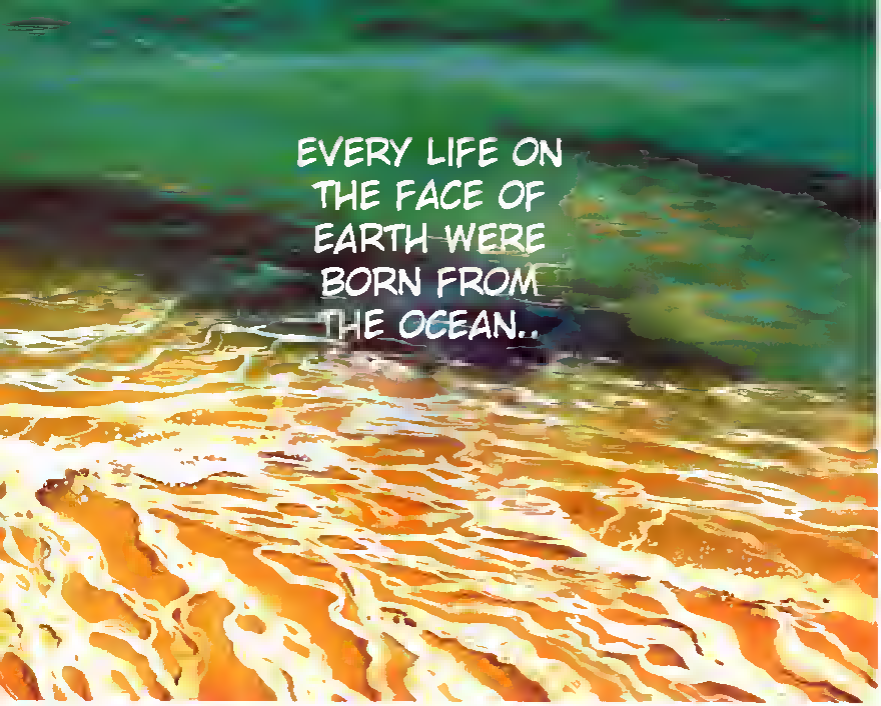
EVERY LIFE ON THE FACE OF EARTH WERE BORN FROM THE OCEAN..

AFTER THAT, EVEN AS THEY HAD EVOLUTION OF GOING TO THE SHORE ONCE IN A WHILE,

THERE ARE SOME WHO HAS COME BACK TO THE SANCTUARY OF LIFE AGAIN. THEY ARE MAMMALIAN.

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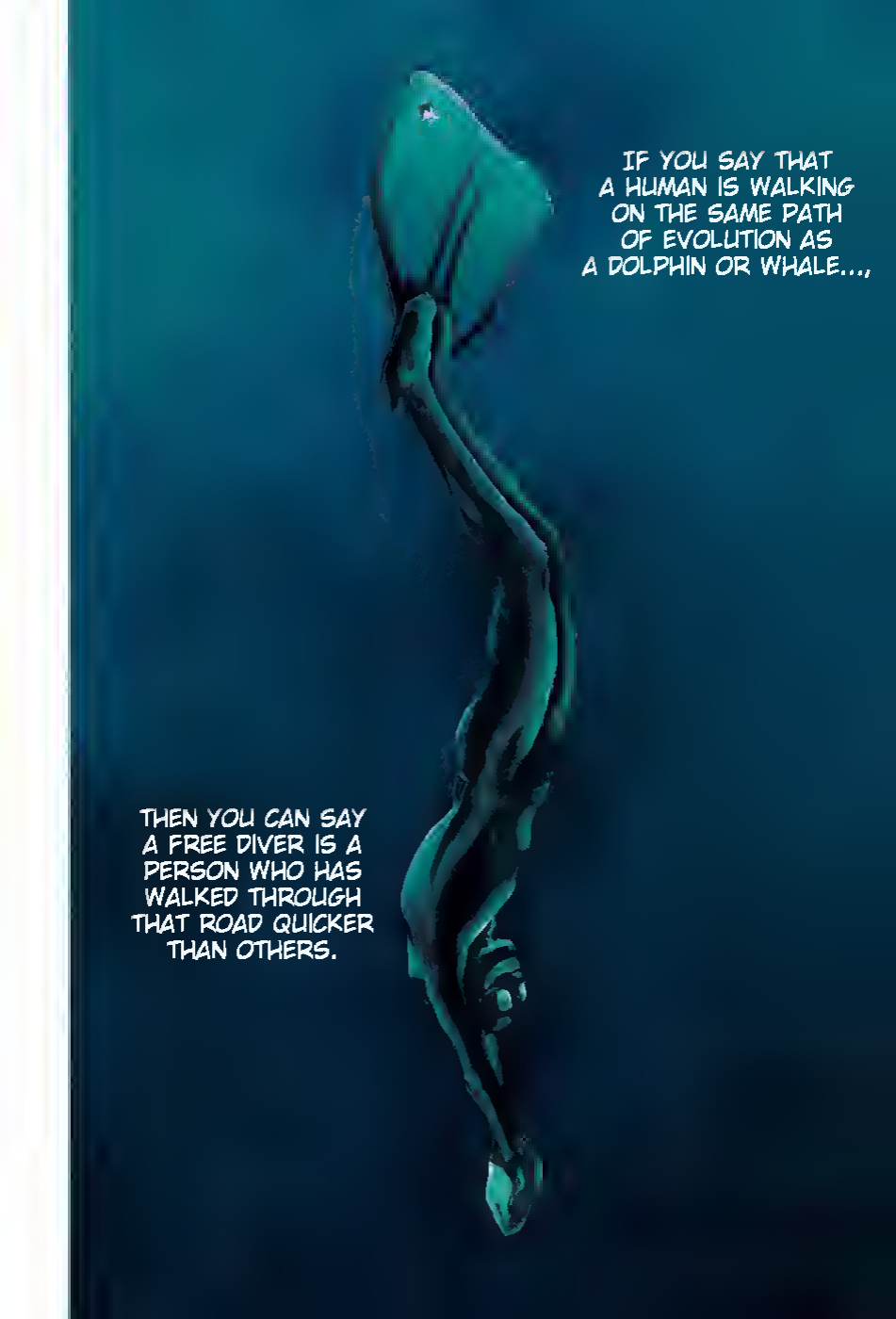
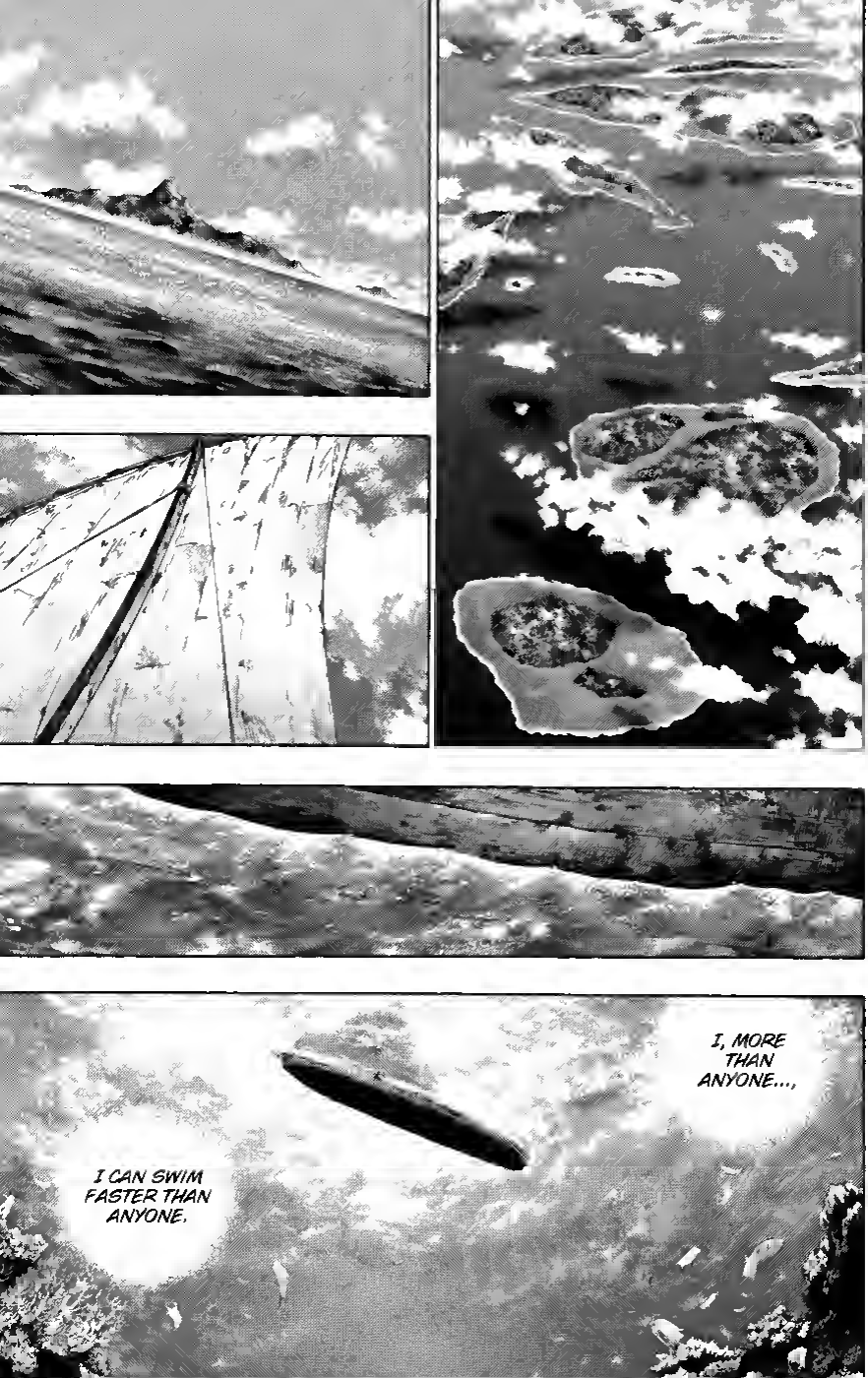
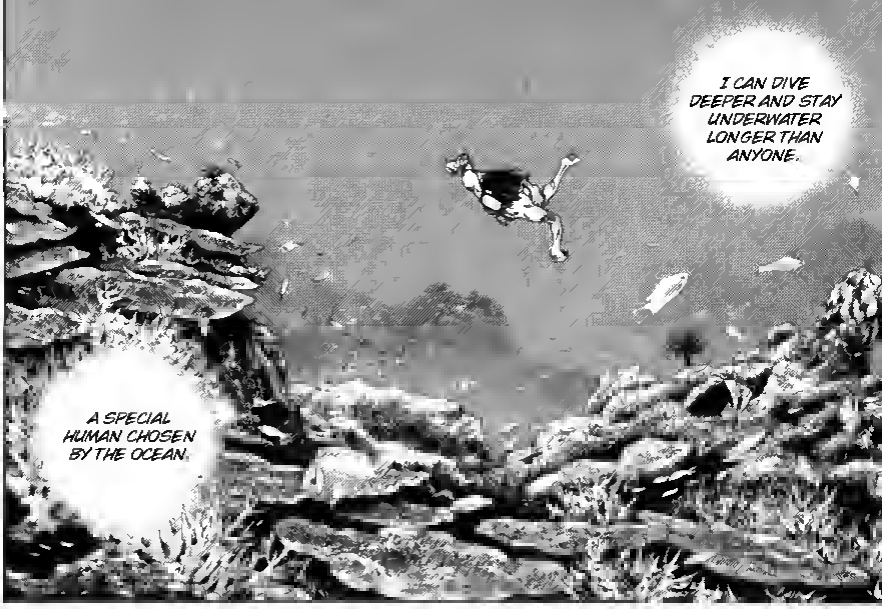

IF YOU SAY THAT A HUMAN IS WALKING ON THE SAME PATH OF EVOLUTION AS A DOLPHIN OR WHALE...,
THEN YOU CAN SAY A FREE DIVER IS A PERSON WHO HAS WALKED THROUGH THAT ROAD QUICKER THAN OTHERS.


I CAN SWIM FASTER THAN ANYONE.
I, MORE THAN ANYONE...,


I CAN DIVE DEEPER AND STAY UNDERWATER LONGER THAN ANYONE.
A SPECIAL HUMAN CHOSEN BY THE OCEAN.

I AM THAT SPECIAL PERSON...

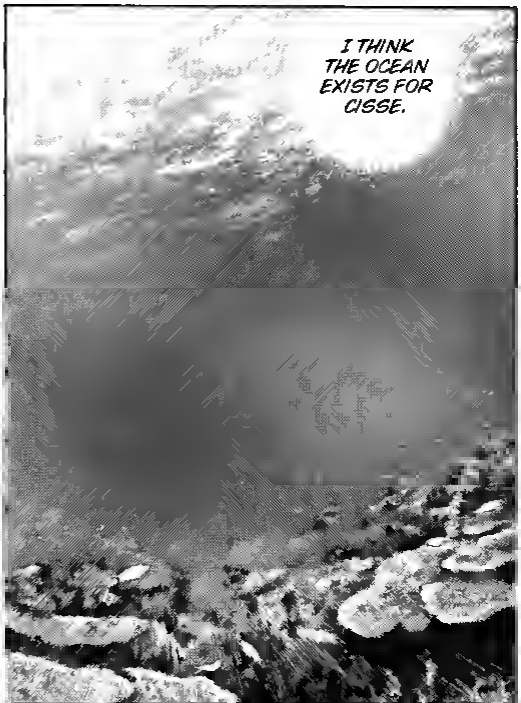
I HAVE ALWAYS THOUGHT THAT.

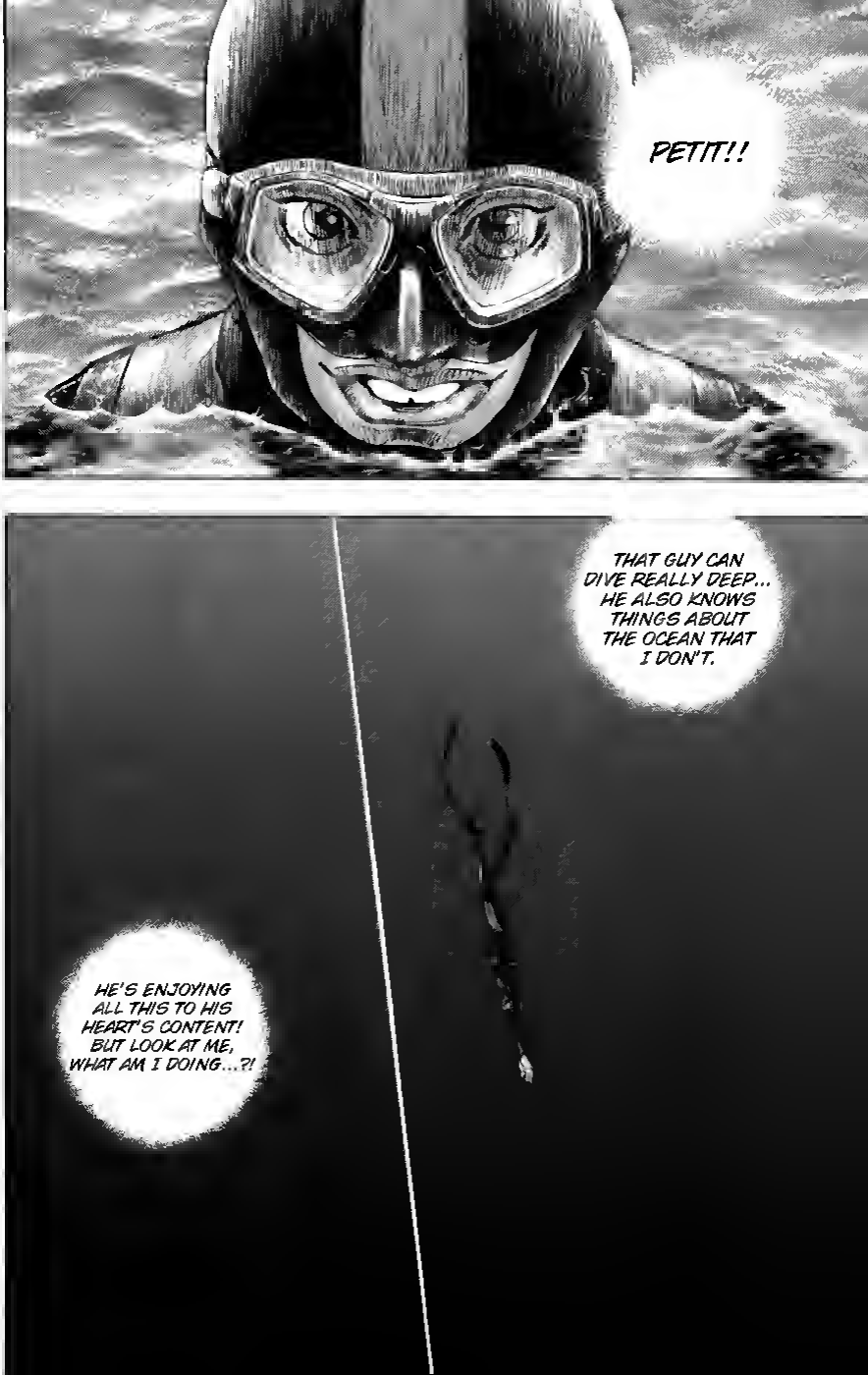
MY SISTER HAS ALSO SAID THAT TO ME FREQUENTLY...

THE ISLAND NEIGHBOURS THOUGHT THAT WAY.

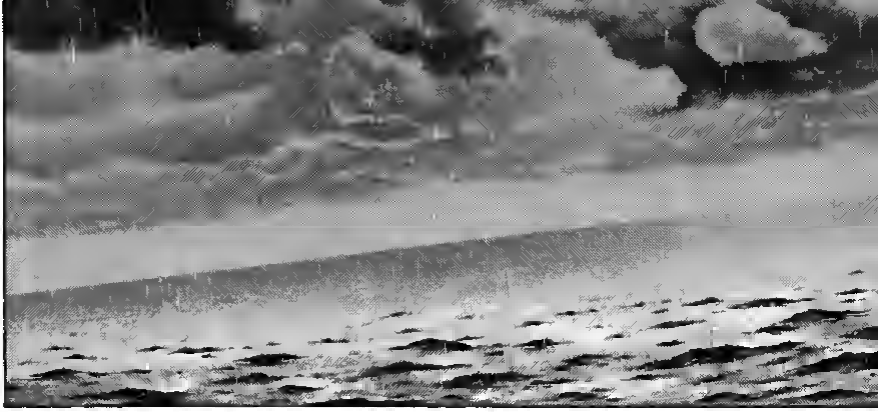
IN TRUTH EVEN MY FATHER DID...

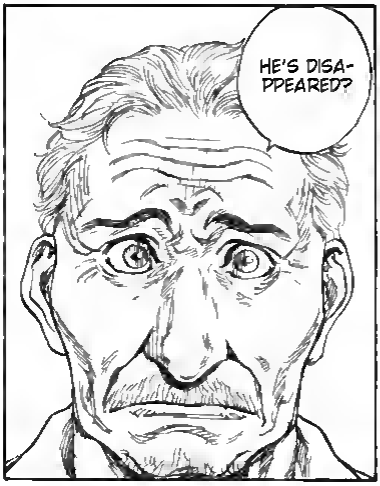
HOWEVER... IT WAS NOT TRUE AT ALL...,
THE PERSON CHOSEN BY THE OCEAN IS NOT ME,


I THINK THE OCEAN EXISTS FOR CISSE.


PETIT!!
THAT GUY CAN DIVE REALLY DEEP... HE ALSO KNOWS THINGS ABOUT THE OCEAN THAT I DON'T.
HE'S ENJOYING ALL THIS TO HIS HEART'S CONTENT! BUT LOOK AT ME, WHAT AM I DOING...?!

IF I KEEP TRAINING UNDER THIS GUY, WHAT'LL HAPPEN TO ME...?
HOW MANY TIMES DID I DROWN IN WATER EXACTLY...?
I CAN'T DO ANYTHING... THERE IS NO WAY THAT I WILL BE ABLE TO DO ANYTHING.
A COLD OCEAN LIKE THIS...
IT'S A FIRST TIME FOR ME...




HE'S DISA-PPEARED?

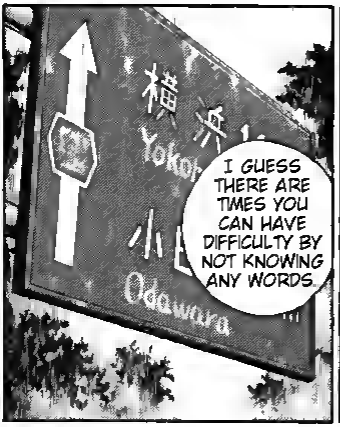
CLAUDE!
CISSE IS ...!

HARUKA, GET THE CAR READY QUICKLY!!

HOW CAN THIS HAPPEN...! WHERE DID HE GO?!
HE SHOULDN'T HAVE ANY PLACE TO GET BACK TO

HE'S TAKEN HIS LUGGAGE WITH HIM TOO!

I SHOULD GO BACK TO THE ISLAND...
YES...
I SHOULD GO ...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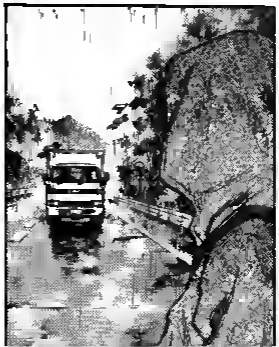
I GUESS THERE ARE TIMES YOU CAN HAVE DIFFICULTY BY NOT KNOWING ANY WORDS.

STOP THE CAR-!
HEY.

WHICH DIRECTION SHOULD I GO TO...?



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ARGH!!
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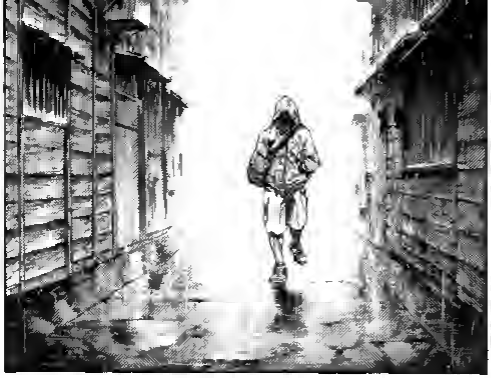
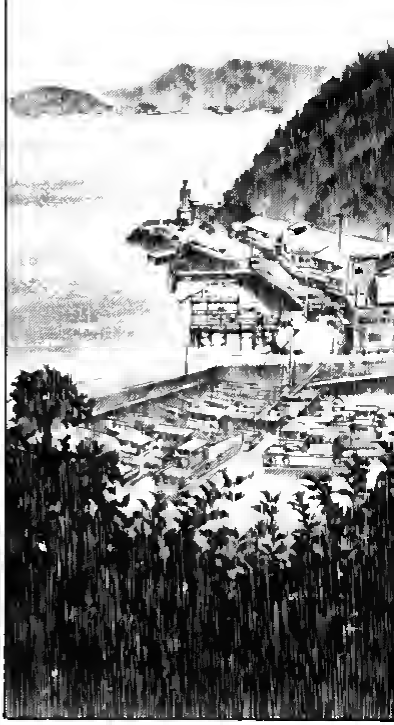
GRR
WHY DIDN'T HE STOP FOR ME ..?
WHAT THE HELL?

YOU SHOULD CALM DOWN A BIT.
HARUKA, QUICKLY, QUICKLY--!
I'M SURE CISSE WILL BE FINE.
DON'T BE UNREASONABLE.
NOW IS NOT THE TIME TO CALM DOWN!
SPEED UP MORE.
HMM? WHAT IS?
HE'S IN AN UNFAMILIAR LAND, HAS NO MONEY, AND HE CAN'T COMMUNICATE WITH ANYONE!
THERE IS NO WAY HE'S FINE.
DON'T BE SO AGITATED.
AND BECOME SO UPSET LIKE THIS.
FOR YOU TO BE WORRIED ABOUT CISSE..
BUT IT'S QUITE UNEXPECTED

IF I DON'T WORRY ABOUT HIM NOW, WHEN DO I WORRY ABOUT HIM?





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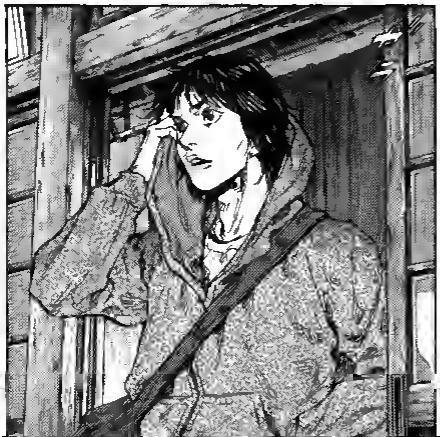
I'M HUNGRY ...

I SMELL SOMETHING DELICIOUS.
IS THIS ALSO WORDS...?



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SOMETHING TO EAT?
WILL YOU GIVE,
WHAT DO YOU NEED?
WELCOME TO...?
ARE YOU MAKING FUN OF ME? TALK IN JAPANESE
I AM A STRANGER..
PLEASE.
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AH!
HEY! I HAVE AN IMPATIENT PERSONALITY ..?
YOU, YOU'RE A SMUGGLED IMMIGRANT, AREN'T YOU?!
FINALLY, EVEN TO HERE.
AH AH~~
?

CALL THE POLICE FOR ME--!!
THERE'S A SMUGGLED IMMIGRANT HERE--!!

WHAT...?
HEY, POLICE!

PANT.
HA.

WHY IS HE MAD AT ME...?
WHAT WAS THAT?

WHAT EXACTLY HAVE I DONE WRONG?!
WHY ARE THEY LOOKING AT ME LIKE THAT?

WHY ARE THEY FOLLOWING ME?
I HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING!
PANT
STOP RIGHT THERE!
CAN'T YOU HEAR US?!
!

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I'VE ALWAYS BEEN A GUY LIKE THAT...
NO, THAT'S NOT IT, I CAN'T DO ANYTHING.
ME... WHAT AM I DOING RIGHT NOW?
SISTER, THAT WAS ALL IT WAS.
ONLY BEING ABLE TO DIVE A LITTLE BETTER THAN OTHERS...
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YOU CAN'T GET ANYWHERE WITH A BOAT LIKE THAT.

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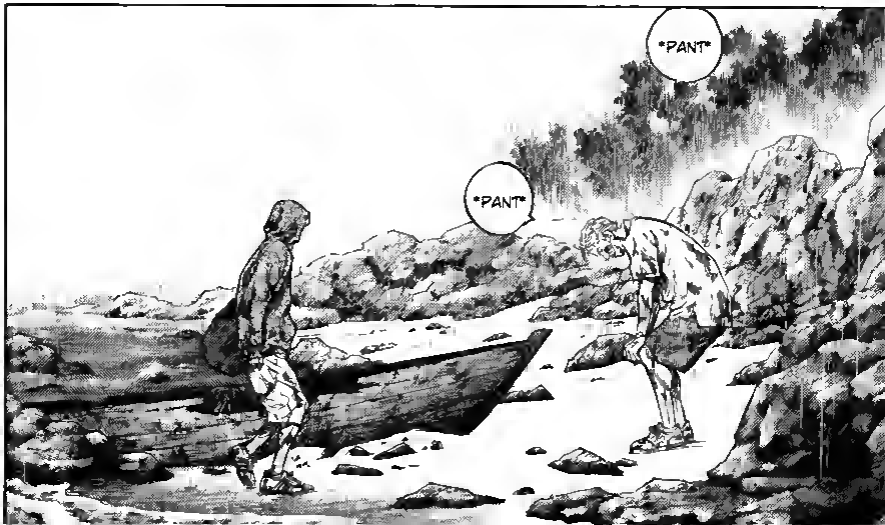
PANT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IS IT ALRIGHT.. FOR ME TO DO THAT?
I MEAN TO ASK THE SAME QUESTION
WHY IS YOUR FACE MESSY LIKE THAT?!
PANT.., CISSE.
HARUKA'S ALSO WAITING FOR YOU UP THERE
CISSE, LET'S GO BACK
THE FOOD HARUKA MAKES IS TOO SALTY
THIS IS JUST BETWEEN US...
HARUKA SAID THAT SHE'LL MAKE SOMETHING WARM FOR US.
CLAUDE
...THEN WHICH WAY SHOULD WE USE TO GET BACK UP?
THAT'S A SECRET.

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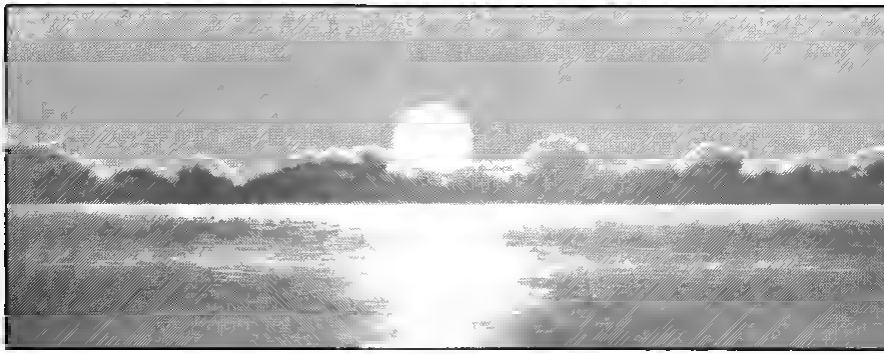
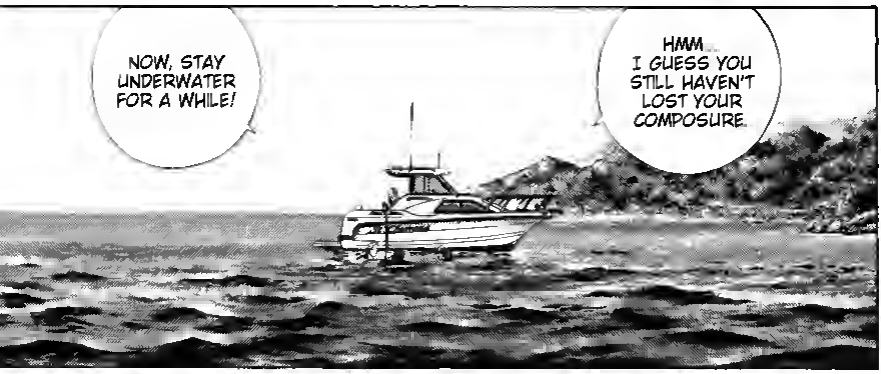
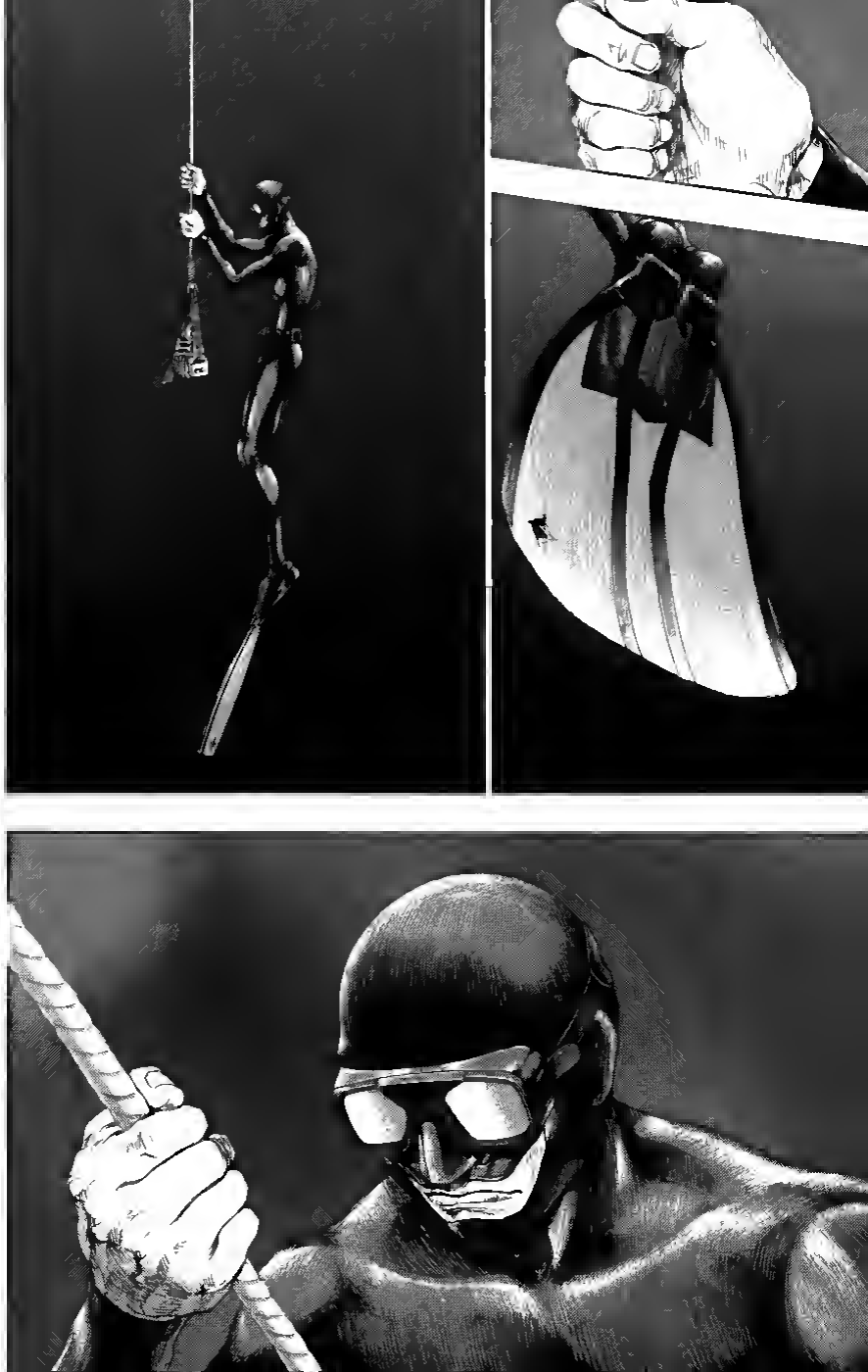
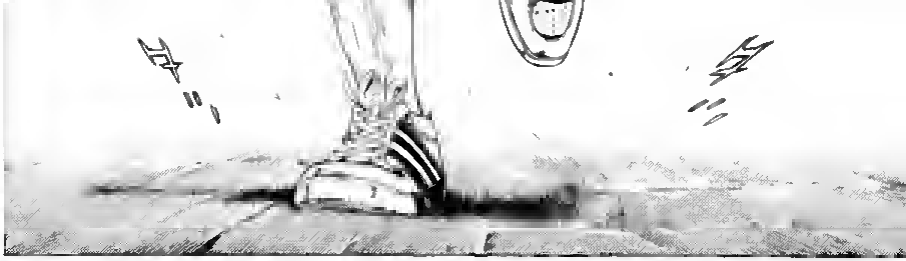


HEWW--
PSSS--.*
BREATHING SOUNDS


NOW, STAY UNDERWATER FOR A WHILE!
HMM... I GUESS YOU STILL HAVEN'T LOST YOUR COMPOSURE.



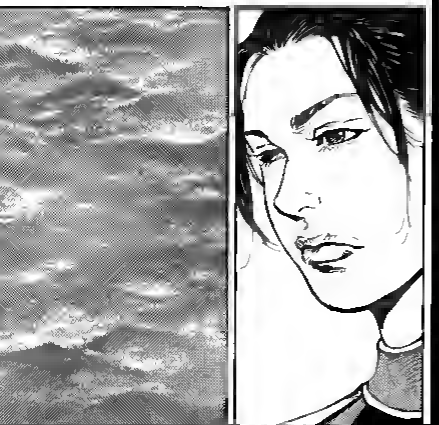
AS EXPECTED, YOUR ABILITY JUST KEEPS GROWING
AT THIS RATE, WE CAN INCREASE THE DEPTH TO 10M MORE TODAY.
WE CAN PROBABLY PUT A TOTAL NUMERICAL VALUE FOR THIS ABILITY NOW...!
I'M REALLY CURIOUS ABOUT HIS BLOOD TEST RESULT
I WILL OVERTHROW THE COMMON SENSE OF MEDICAL SCIENCE BY FINDING OUT THE MYSTERY OF THE SPLEEN.
CHANGE IN RED BLOOD CELL NUMERICAL VALUE WOULD BE THE KEY TO SOLVING THAT MYSTERY...,



NEXT, LET'S TRY JOGGING WITH MY BREATHE COMPLETELY EXHALED.
BREATHE IN EVEN WHEN IT GETS TIRING..., THEN BREATHE OUT...,

I COULDN'T FEEL MY HANDS AND MY FEET...,
I WAS THERE AND YET I FELT LIKE I WASN'T....,
HOW DID IT FEEL TO DIVE DEEP LIKE THAT?
CISSE, YOU'VE FINALLY REACHED A DEPTH OF 70M
HOW TO SAY IT.

I HAD THE FEELING OF BECOMING ONE WITH THE OCEAN AND MELTING.



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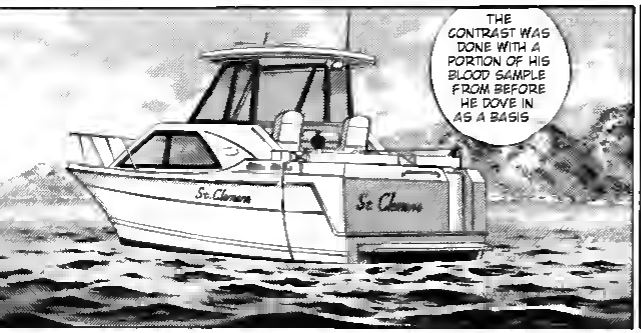
THE CONTRAST WAS DONE WITH A PORTION OF HIS BLOOD SAMPLE FROM BEFORE HE DOVE IN AS A BASIS
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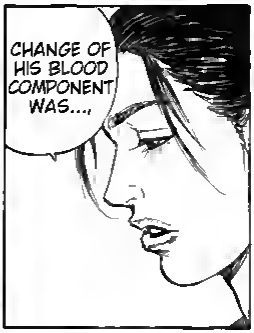
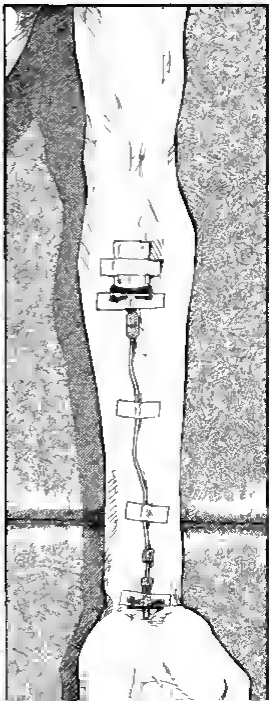
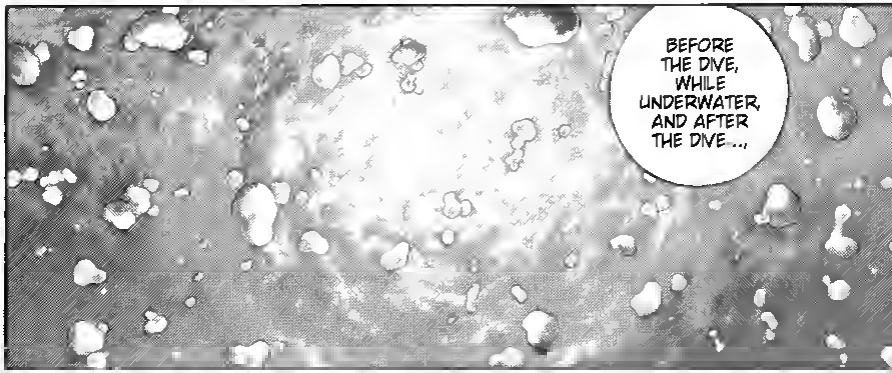
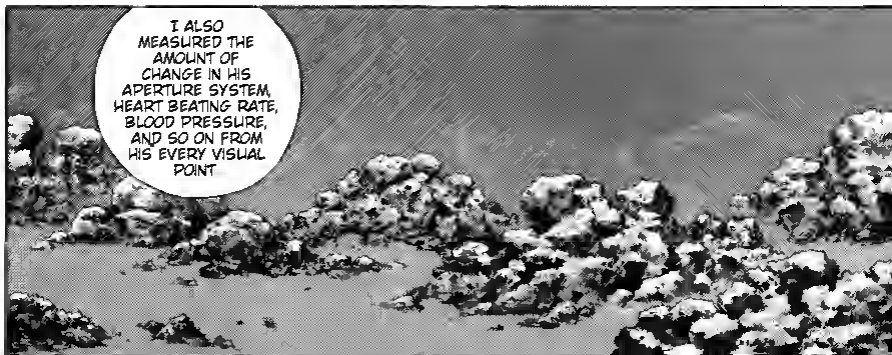
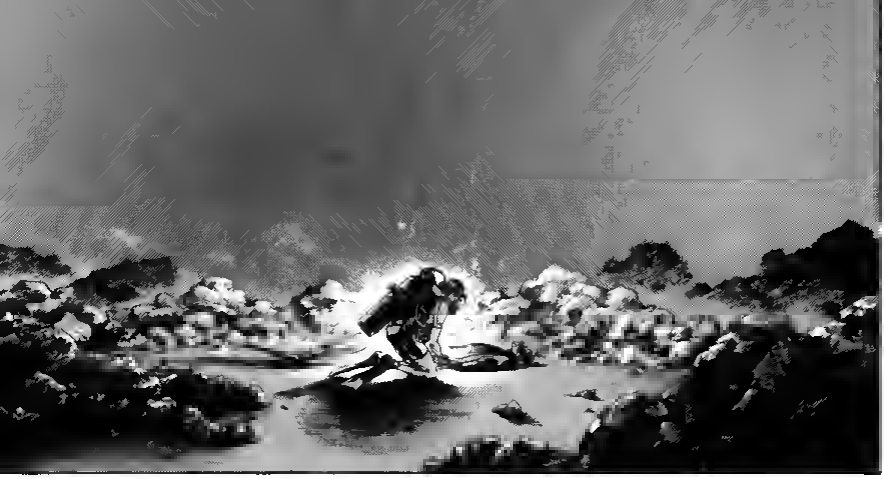

CHANGE OF HIS BLOOD COMPONENT WAS...

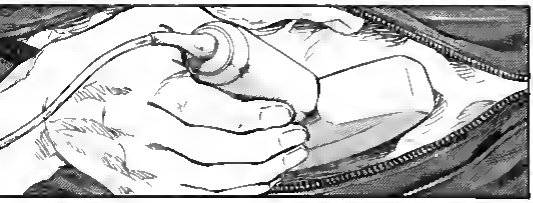


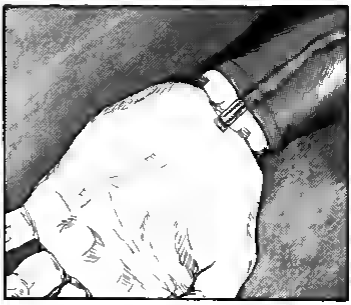
I USED ULTRASONIC WAVES AND NOSE EXAMINATION TO FIND THE SPLEEN'S POSITION, IT'S SIZE AND RECORDED IT...,
ALL OF THAT IS SO THAT WE CAN SEE THE EFFECT OF CISSE'S SPLEEN BECOMING TWICE THE NORMAL SIZE

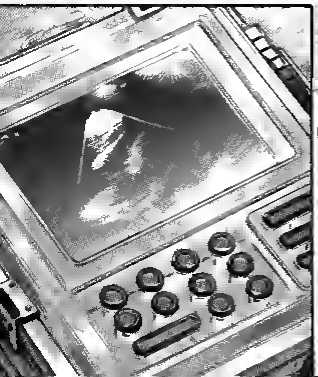

BEFORE THE DIVE, WHILE UNDERWATER, AND AFTER THE DIVE...,

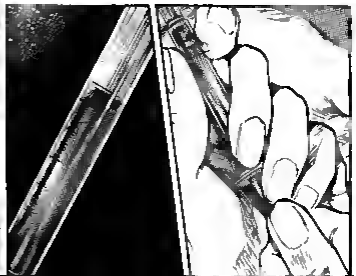

I ALSO MEASURED THE AMOUNT OF CHANGE IN HIS APERTURE SYSTEM, HEART BEATING RATE, BLOOD PRESSURE, AND SO ON FROM HIS EVERY VISUAL POINT

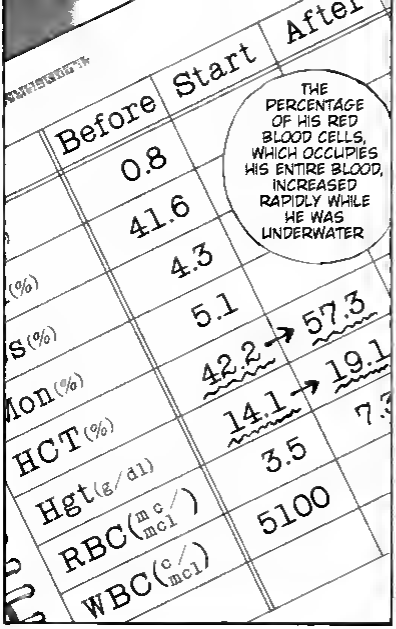


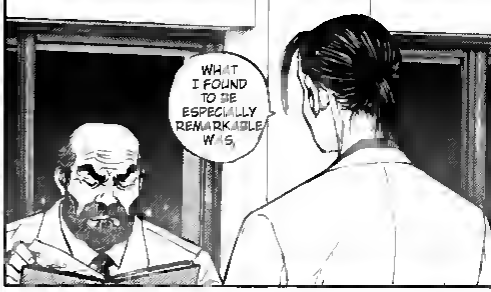


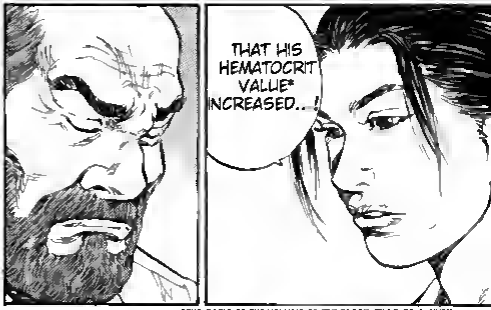




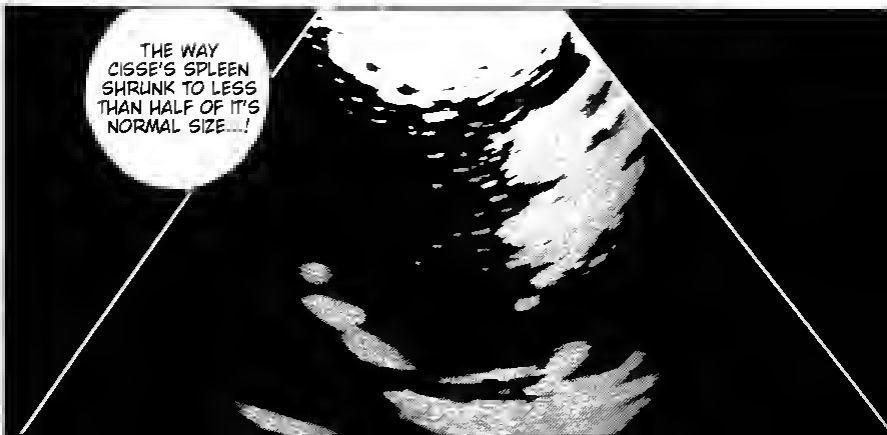






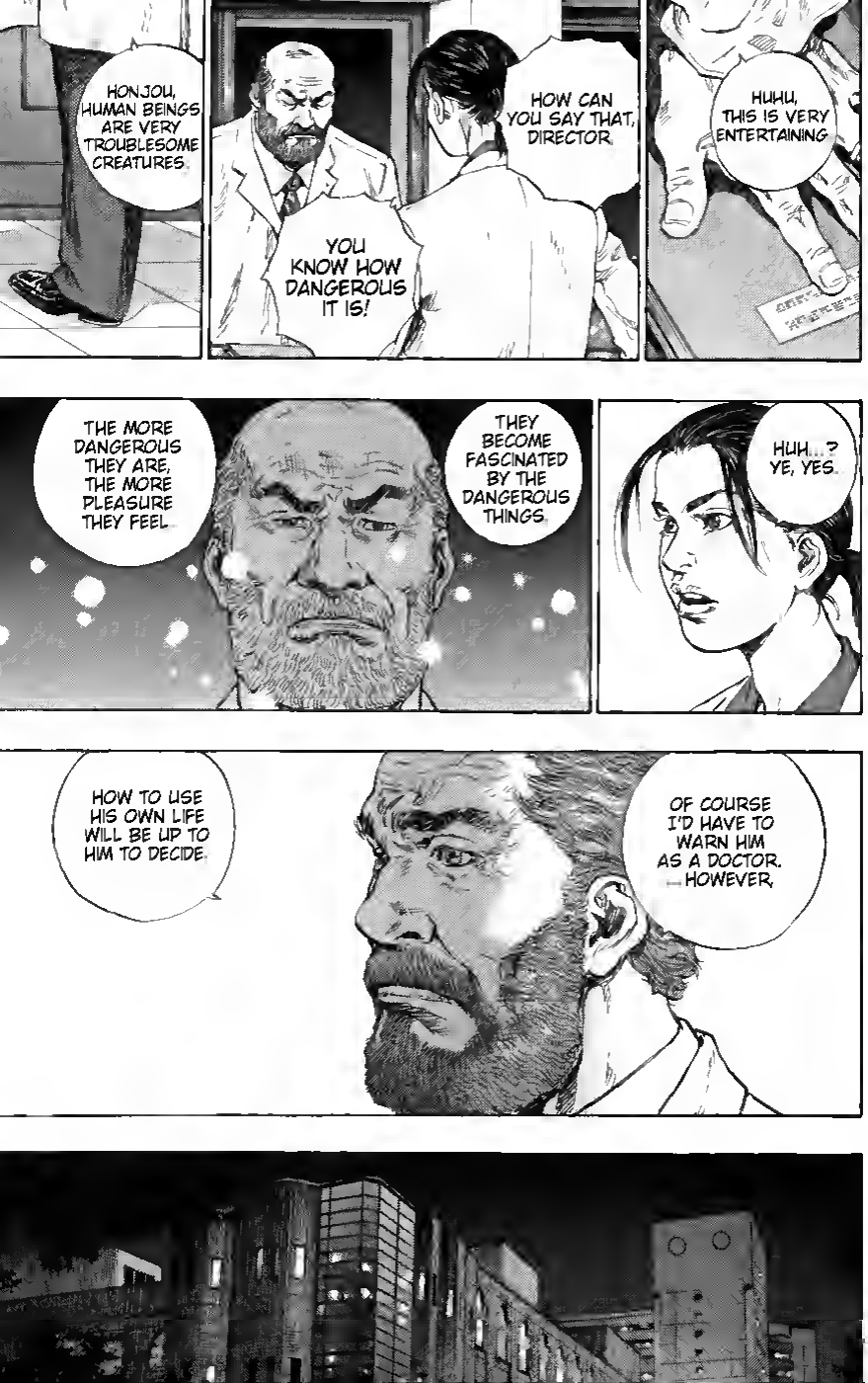


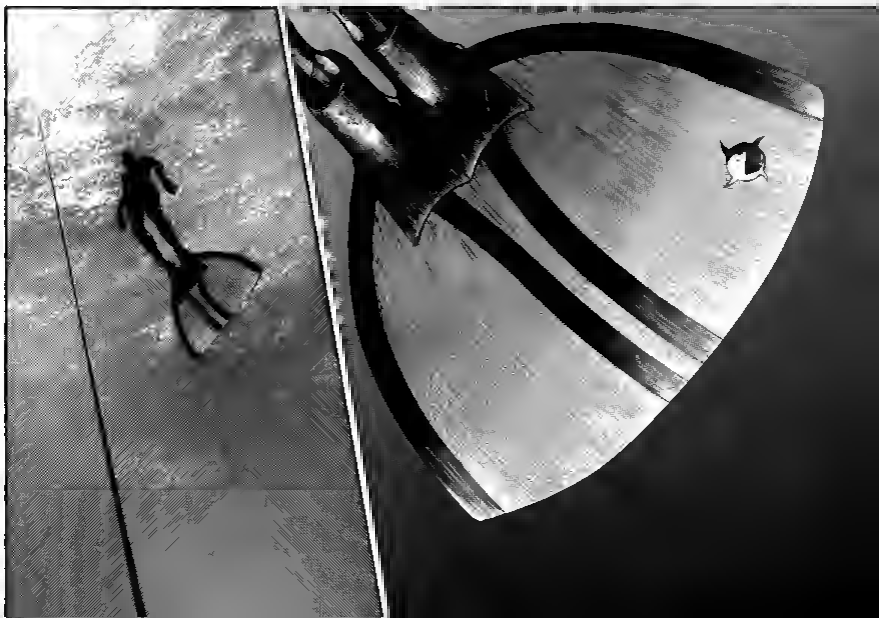
*THE RATIO OF THE VOLUME OF RED BLOOD CELLS TO A GIVEN VOLUME OF BLOOD AFTER CENTRIFUGE. EXPRESSED AS A PERCENTAGE

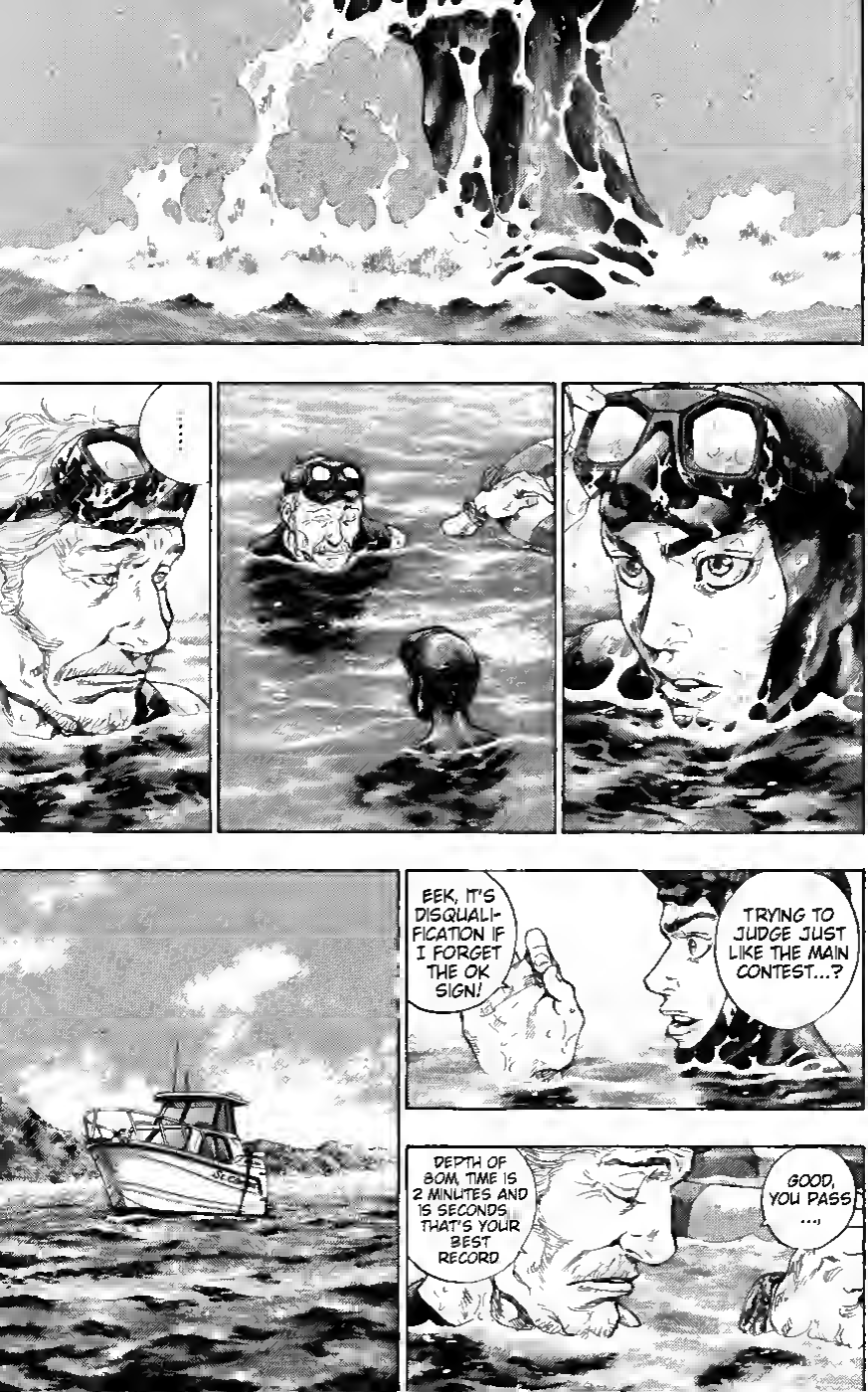


THIS KIND OF ADAPTATION IS WHAT'S GIVING CISSE THESE ABILITIES LIKE THE DOLPHINS.
.....
BUT I DON'T CONSIDER CISSE AS THE ONLY SPECIAL PERSON
A SPLEEN IS SOMETHING EVERYONE HAS.
ANYBODY CAN LEARN TO DIVE WELL IF THEY DEVELOP THE MOST FITTING WAY TO TRAIN THEMSELVES.

I'VE HEARD THAT IT TAKES A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF TIME TO GET BACK TO IT'S ORIGINAL SIZE.
WHILE THE DISCHARGED RED BLOOD CELLS HASN'T SHRUNK.
THERE IS ONLY ONE THING THAT WORRIES ME.
WHEN THE SPLEEN SHRINKS ONCE...,
YES, IT'S NOT SUPPOSED TO DO THAT.
FOR THE CONDITION OF REPLETION TO BE MAINTAINED SO LONG LIKE THAT...
THIS WAS TOTALLY OUT OF MY EXPECTATIONS.
CAUSING A PART OF HIS BLOOD STREAMS TO GET CLOGGED UP. FOR EXAMPLE, THE CAPILLARY VESSEL IN HIS BRAIN.
THE LARGE QUANTITY OF RED BLOOD CELLS WILL COAGULATE HIS BLOOD,
IF THE SPLEEN DOESN'T GO BACK TO IT'S ORIGINAL STATE BECAUSE OF EVERYDAY DIVING...


HONJOU, HUMAN BEINGS ARE VERY TROUBLESOME CREATURES.
YOU KNOW HOW DANGEROUS IT IS!
HOW CAN YOU SAY THAT, DIRECTOR.
HUHU, THIS IS VERY ENTERTAINING.
THE MORE DANGEROUS THEY ARE, THE MORE PLEASURE THEY FEEL.
THEY BECOME FASCINATED BY THE DANGEROUS THINGS.
HUH...? YE, YES.
HOW TO USE HIS OWN LIFE WILL BE UP TO HIM TO DECIDE.
OF COURSE I'D HAVE TO WARN HIM AS A DOCTOR. —HOWEVER,

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EEK, IT'S DISQUALIFICATION IF I FORGET THE OK SIGN!
TRYING TO JUDGE JUST LIKE THE MAIN CONTEST...?
DEPTH OF 80M, TIME IS 2 MINUTES AND 15 SECONDS. THAT'S YOUR BEST RECORD
GOOD, YOU PASS ...

LOOK AT THIS ...HAHA
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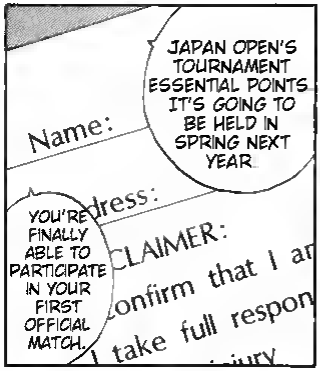
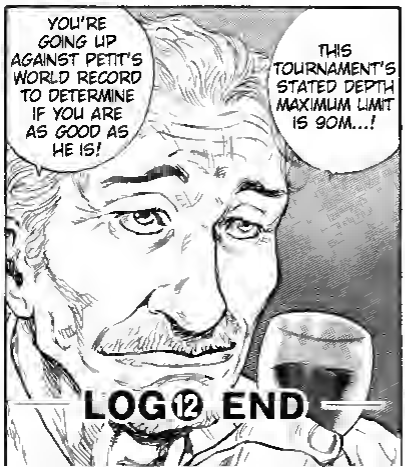
CISSE


Name:
JAPAN OPEN'S TOURNAMENT ESSENTIAL POINTS IT'S GOING TO BE HELD IN SPRING NEXT YEAR
YOU'RE FINALLY ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN YOUR FIRST OFFICIAL MATCH.

EEEK, SORRY, THIS IS,

HMM?


YOU'RE GOING UP AGAINST PETIT'S WORLD RECORD TO DETERMINE IF YOU ARE AS GOOD AS HE IS!
THIS TOURNAMENT'S STATED DEPTH MAXIMUM LIMIT IS 90M...!
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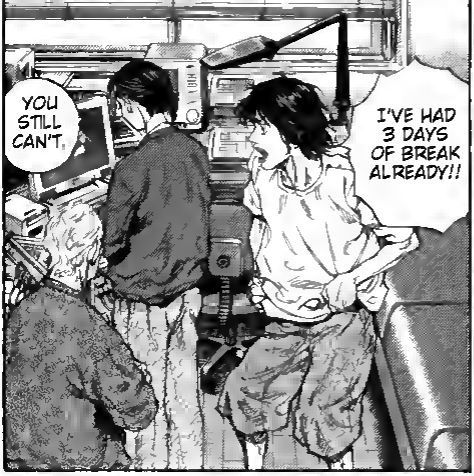
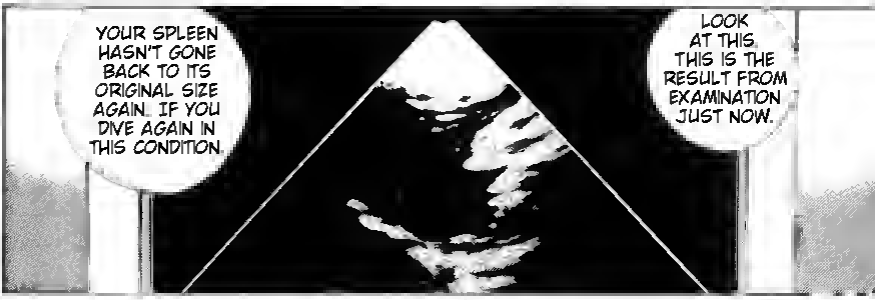
OFFICIAL MATCH .., JAPAN OPEN?!

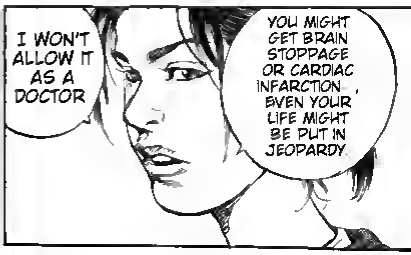
LOG⑬ REASON


YOU STILL CAN'T.
I'VE HAD 3 DAYS OF BREAK ALREADY!!

NO TRAINING TODAY EITHER?!


YOUR SPLEEN HASN'T GONE BACK TO ITS ORIGINAL SIZE AGAIN. IF YOU DIVE AGAIN IN THIS CONDITION
LOOK AT THIS. THIS IS THE RESULT FROM EXAMINATION JUST NOW.

CLAUDE! SAY SOMETHING TO THIS DOCTOR FOR ME!!


I WON'T ALLOW IT AS A DOCTOR
YOU MIGHT GET BRAIN STOPPAGE OR CARDIAC INFARCTION, EVEN YOUR LIFE MIGHT BE PUT IN JEOPARDY.

SINCE THIS IS THE ORDER OF OUR SPONSOR, WE HAVE NO OTHER CHOICE
... NO, FORGET IT.

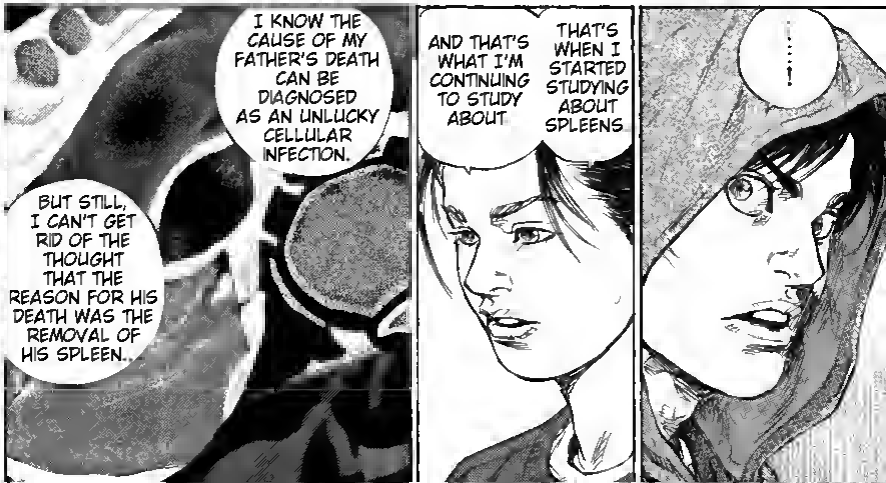
EVEN MY RECORD HAS GONE UP!!
THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH MY BODY!

CISSE...,

.....
I'M DOING THIS FOR YOUR HEALTH.
CISSE, I HOPE YOU'LL UNDER-STAND.
IT'S BECAUSE IF SOMETHING HAPPENS TO ME, YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO CONTINUE ON WITH YOU RESEARCH.
IS IT REALLY? I KNOW THAT IT'S BECAUSE OF YOUR CIRCUM-STANCES.
WHAT'S IMPORTANT TO YOU IS MY SPLEEN, NOT ME...,

WHEN I WAS IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, MY FATHER CAUGHT AN ILLNESS CALLED SPHEROCYTOSIS.
WILL YOU LISTEN TO THE STORY OF MY PAST?!
IT'S BEEN LIKE THAT FROM THE BEGINNING BUT I WAS JUST MISTAKEN
ALTHOUGH I WAS YOUNG, I THOUGHT IT WAS WEIRD THAT THERE WAS SOMETHING THAT WE DIDN'T NEED INSIDE OUR STOMACH.
THE DOCTOR IN CHARGE TOLD US THAT HE'LL LIVE IF HE GOT RID OF HIS SPLEEN.
BUT THE NEXT DAY, MY FATHER...
I WAS VERY HAPPY TO GO HOME WITH MY FATHER WHEN HE GOT DISCHARGED FROM THE HOSPITAL.

PASSED AWAY.


I KNOW THE CAUSE OF MY FATHER'S DEATH CAN BE DIAGNOSED AS AN UNLUCKY CELLULAR INFECTION.
BUT STILL, I CAN'T GET RID OF THE THOUGHT THAT THE REASON FOR HIS DEATH WAS THE REMOVAL OF HIS SPLEEN..
AND THAT'S WHAT I'M CONTINUING TO STUDY ABOUT.
THAT'S WHEN I STARTED STUDYING ABOUT SPLEENS.
.....!

YOU KNOW HOW A PERSON WHO DIVES REALLY TREASURES THE OCEAN?
FOR PEOPLE LIKE THAT TO INCREASE AND GET BEAUTY BACK, JUST LIKE HOW EARTH WAS BEFORE SHE WAS POLLUTED.
THIS RESEARCH HAS ALREADY SURPASSED SUCH THINGS AS JUST MY PERSONAL FEELINGS.
HOWEVER, DON'T MIS-UNDERSTAND ME.
PERHAPS WE MAY BE ABLE TO SAVE EARTH
THE SPLEEN IS AN INTERNAL ORGAN RELATED TO SUCH HOPE.

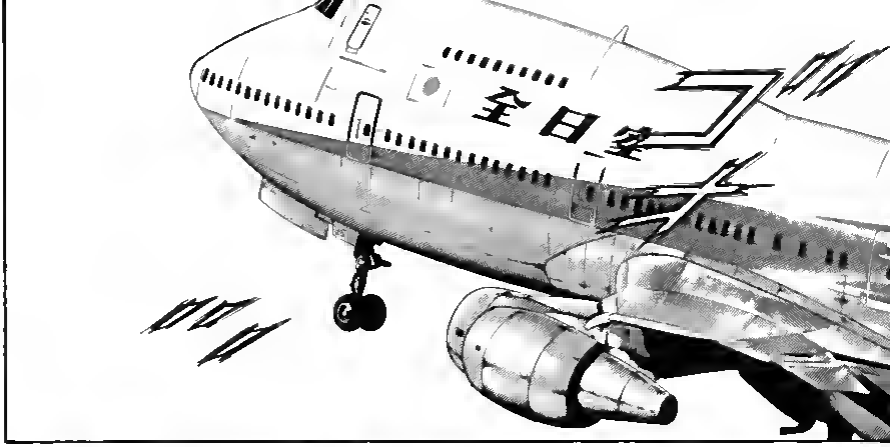
HARUKA! WHERE ARE YOU?!
HARUKA--!!
WHAT'S WRONG?
PANT
PANT
THERE, THERE, THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG!!
OKAY, I'LL GO.
I JUST WANT YOU TO COME WITH ME.
I DON'T KNOW THE REASON.
THE SKY?
THE SKY... SOMETHING'S WRONG WITH IT!

I THOUGHT THEY WERE BUGS AT FIRST...,
HURRY!
SNOW
..AH
THEY TURN INTO WATER AND DISAPPEAR
BUT WHEN THEY TOUCH MY HANDS...,
SNOW?
IT MUST BE YOUR FIRST TIME SEEING SNOW

I'VE HEARD THIS STORY FROM MY FATHER.
THIS IS SNOW...!
SNOW ...?
SINCE IT'S THE FIRST SNOW OF THE YEAR, IT'LL GET COLDER NOW.
EVAPORATED WATER FROM THE HEAT OF THE SUN...,
TRAVELS WAY UP TO THE SKY AND BECOMES CLOUDS. AND WHEN THE RAIN BECOMES COLD, IT COMES DOWN AGAIN AS SNOW.

OF COURSE
SO EVEN THE OCEAN GOES UP TO THE SKY AND BECOMES SNOW?
UNLIKE RAIN, IT FLOATS AROUND.
I SEE...
UGH!
THIS IS AMAZING ....

WATER REALLY IS AMAZING!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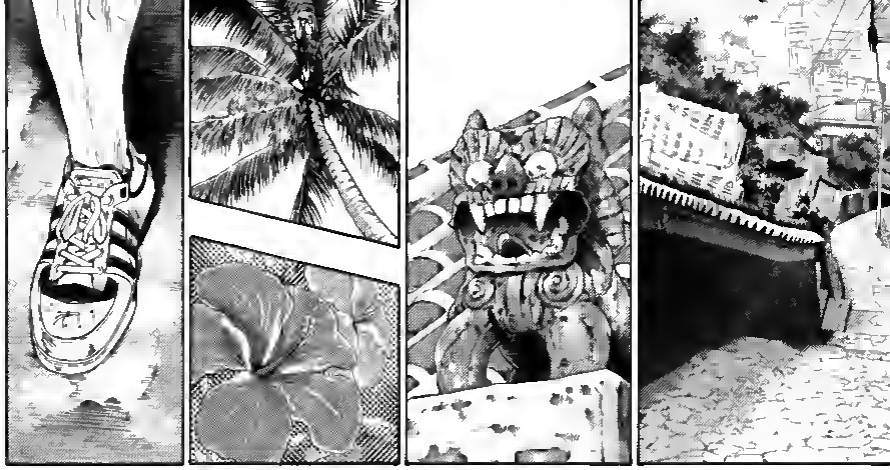
NO, NOT AT ALL.
ARE YOU SCARED OF AIRPLANES?
...CISSE?
ZZZZZ...

IS THIS JAPAN TOO?!
HARUKA!
!
THIS IS EXACTLY ...,
THE OCEAN COLOR AND THE ATMOSPHERE OF THE ISLAND...,
YEAH, THIS IS OKINAWA
THE SAME AS THE ISLAND I USED TO LIVE ON!



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LOG⑭ JAPAN OPEN

...SO IF A DIVER DOESN'T START THE DIVE BETWEEN THE "OFFICIAL TOP" <COMPETITION START TIME> AND 30 SECONDS AFTER THAT, THEY WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.
Championship in Okinawa
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...NOW ONTO THE NEW RULE ABOUT THE SAFETY CABLE.
Free Diving Japan Open
in OKINAWA

I'M LATE!
I'M SORRY!
...OOPS.
Free Diving Ja
in Okinawa
HUH? WHERE'S CLAUDE?
WHAT WERE YOU DOING?
THEY'VE ALREADY STARTED EXPLAINING THE RULES
AND CLAUDE IS DRUNK ...,
I DIDN'T KNOW WHERE THE PLACE WAS...,
SERIOUSLY, YOU CAN BE TROUBLESOME SOMETIMES

DON'T GO AND LEAVE ME BY MYSELF ...
HEY... CISSE?

.....

COME HERE, QUICK.
YOU'RE EMBARR-ASSING US.
THE EFFECTS OF THE ALCOHOL CAME FASTER THAN USUAL TODAY.

... MASTER.

!
ISN'T THAT BECAUSE YOU WERE DRINKING EVEN WHEN WE WERE IN THE PLANE...?

YOU ARE... COULD YOU BE MASTER CLAUDE?
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT ...,
MASTER...
WAS THERE A TIME I WAS CALLED BY THAT NAME?!
I THINK THEY'RE CALLING YOU.
CLAUDE!
WELCOME TO THE JAPAN OPEN!
THE LEGENDARY FREE DIVER?
WHAT ...
MASTER CLAUDE?
I THOUGHT THEY SAID HE KILLED HIMSELF?
HE'S CERTAINLY THE REAL THING!

HMM, SURE, WHY NOT.
IT'S SUCH AN HONOR TO HAVE YOU COME HERE LIKE THIS!
WE'D LIKE TO HEAR A WORD FROM YOU.
THERE'S A LOT OF DIVERS WHO RESPECTS YOU, SIR.
...HELLO EVERYONE.

IT'S AN IRRES-PONSIBLE ARTICLE.
WHAT? CLAUDE TRIED TO COMMIT SUICIDE...?

I HAVE HEARD THAT DAILY MASCOM HAS WRITTEN A REPORT ABOUT ME COMMITTING SUICIDE...,

...BUT!

AND MY LOVE FOR THE OCEAN IS BURNING AS BRIGHTLY AS THE SUN!
AS YOU CAN SEE, I'M ALIVE AND HEALTHY!

THE OCEAN THAT I SAW WHILE I WAS COMING HERE FROM THE AIRPORT,
IT WAS MAINLY ARTIFICIAL BEACHES

SIGH...! ON THE CONTRARY, WHAT A PITIFUL THING IT IS.

HE'S TALKING LIKE HE'S DRUNK, IS IT OKAY TO LET HIM KEEP TALKING?

HOWEVER!
I LOVE JAPAN, THE ISLAND THAT IS SURROUNDED BY THAT OCEAN.

THE BEAUTIFUL CORAL REEFS OF THIS OUTSTANDING WORLD ARE BEING SUBJECTED TO DESTRUCTIVE DAMAGE EVEN NOW.
THIS IS THE RESULT OF AMBITION FROM THE PEOPLE WHO LOOK AT THE OCEAN AS THEIR PROPERTY FROM THE LAND ABOVE.
THE LOVE SONG OF A HUMPBACK WHALE .....
IS KNOWN TO TRAVEL UP TO 30KM...!

FREE DIVERS ARE THE ONES WHO LOVE THE OCEAN MOST OF ALL!

HOW IS OUR VOICE RIGHT NOW?

WE MUST RAISE OUR VOICES! LET'S SAVE THE OCEAN FROM THE AMBITION OF THE LAND!

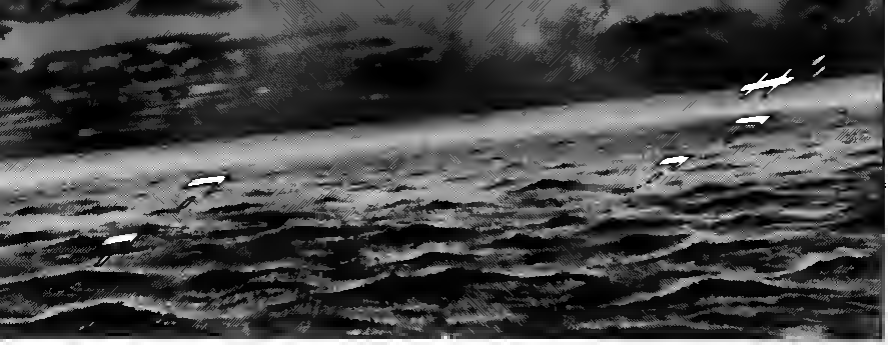
BUT HE 'S REALLY POPULAR.
I DON'T KNOW IF HE'S LEGENDARY OR NOT...,

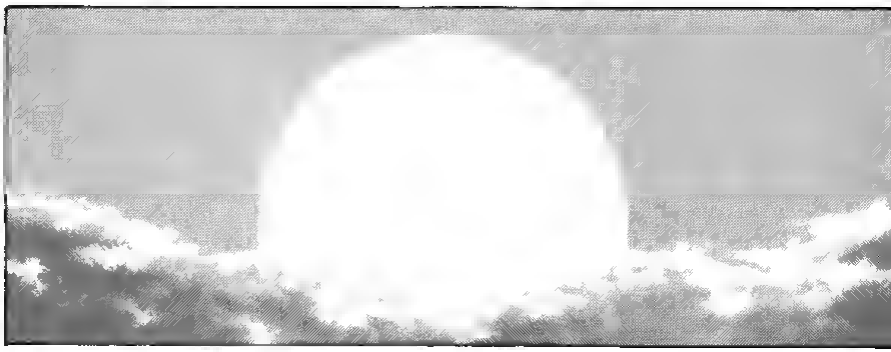
I'M NEGISHI.
PLEASED TO MEET YOU.
MASTER CLAUDE,
HMM?
FREE DIVING
THAT COMPETITION LEFT A VERY BIG IMPRESSION ON ME. AFTER ALL, THAT WAS WHERE I FIRST MET MASTER OF WHOM I RESPECT.
IT'S NEGISHI.
DEKISHI!
YOU ARE THE DIVER THAT PARTICIPATED IN EGYPT AS THE REPRESENTATIVE OF JAPAN ...,

ARE YOU PERSONALLY TRAINING HIM, MASTER...?
IT'S NEGISHI.
SINCE YOU ARE JAPAN'S ACE NOW.
YOU MUST BE RAISING YOUR RECORD SMOOTHLY.
DEKISHI, PLEASE BE NICE TO HIM.
THIS KID IS SOMEONE I'M TAKING CARE OF, HIS NAME'S CISSE.
IT'S NEGISHI.
MISTER DEKISHI.
HI..., KONNICHIWA!

I'M NOT NERVOUS AT ALL...!
...CISSE.
ARE YOU SO NERVOUS ABOUT THE REAL COMPETITION TOMORROW THAT YOU CAN'T SLEEP?
OH, REALLY NOW?!
IT SEEMS LIKE YOU'RE GOING TO START A FIGHT WITH SOMEONE RIGHT AWAY ...,
YOU HAVE THE LOOK OF A BOXER RIGHT BEFORE A BIG MATCH.
SCENERY OR PEOPLE THAT MAKES ME FEEL CALM.....
YOU HAVE TO CONTROL YOUR OXYGEN CONSUMPTION. YOU CAN RELAX BY PICTURING IMAGES IN YOUR MIND.
FREE DIVING IS COMPLETELY OPPOSITE TO BOXING.
IT'S GOOD TO THINK ABOUT SCENERY OR PEOPLE THAT MAKES YOU FEEL CALM ...,

I'M GETTING TIRED...,
SUDDENLY ...,
I DID SLEEP FOR A WHILE BUT WE'RE LEAVING SO EARLY IN THE MORNING.
AS I EXPECTED, WEREN'T YOU ABLE TO GET SOME SLEEP?
...AH.
YAWN.
I'M FEELING SLEEPY.





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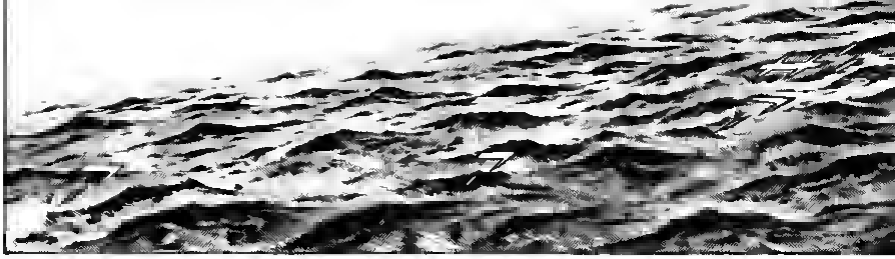

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YOU'RE THE THIRD ONE TO GO. IT'S IMPORTANT FOR YOU TO RELAX!
SINCE IT'S 45 MINUTES BEFORE THE OPENING OF THE COMPETITION, YOU SHOULD GET ON WITH WARMING UP.

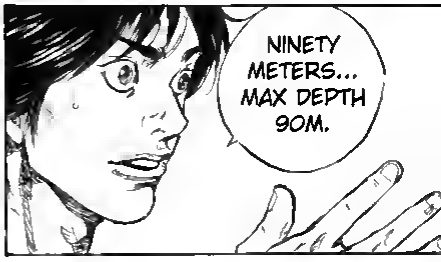
WHAT AN UNPLEASANT GUY ....

I KNOW THAT ....

BOY!!
WOOHA HAHA HAHA.
OUCH, THAT HURTS!
WHA, WHAT...?
IT'S ALL GOOD, IT'S YOUR MIND ATTITUDE THAT COUNTS! WOOHAHAHA.
YOU'RE A PARTICIPANT, WITH THAT BODY STRUCTURE?!
HOW MANY METERS OF DEPTH CAN YOU DIVE? 30M? 40M?
METER?! DEPTH?
I'LL REACH THAT FOR SURE WITH MY PRIDE ON THE LINE AS THE MAN OF THE OCEAN!
FOR YOU TO BE PARTICIPATING IN THIS COMPETITION AS THIS MIYARA IS ABOUT TO MAKE A WORLD RECORD!
YOU ARE ONE LUCKY FELLOW!

WOO HAHA HAHA!!

HUH?


NINETY METERS... MAX DEPTH 90M.

I GUESS THERE ARE ALL DIFFERENT KINDS OF PEOPLE HERE...,

I WILL AT LEAST RECOGNIZE YOUR MIND ATTITUDE!
UGH...!

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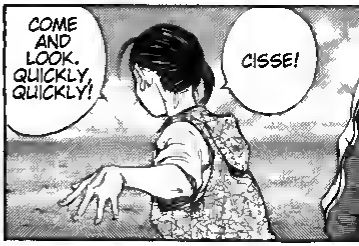
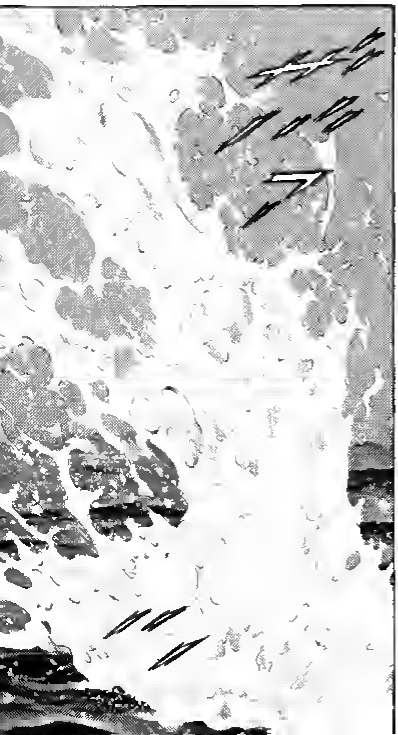
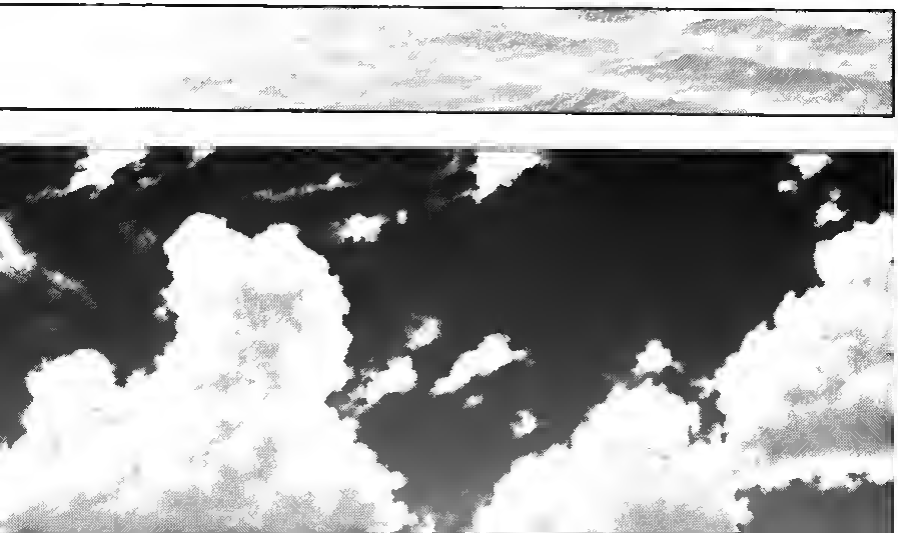

COME AND LOOK. QUICKLY, QUICKLY!
CISSE!

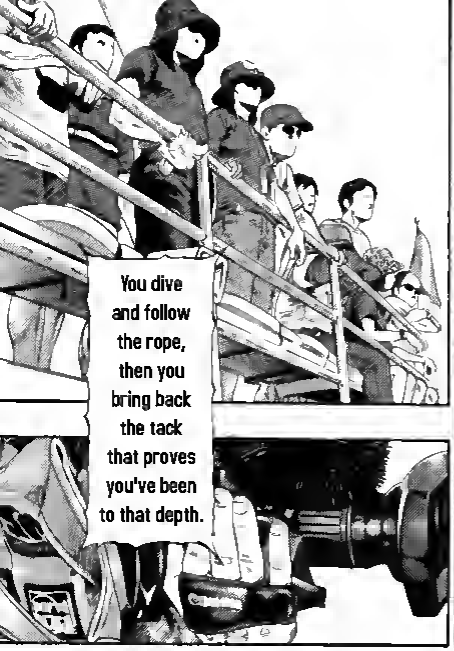
IS THERE ANOTHER WEIRD GUY OR SOMETHING ...?
WHAT IS IT?!



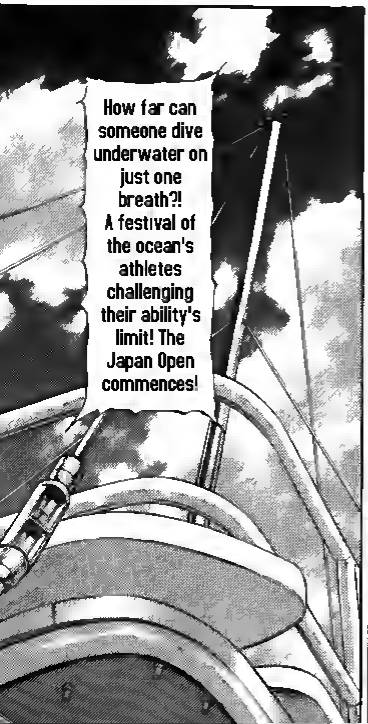
DOLPHINS!

IT MIGHT BE A GOOD SIGN.
I GUESS YOUR LIFE SAVER MUST BE HERE TO CHEER YOU ON.

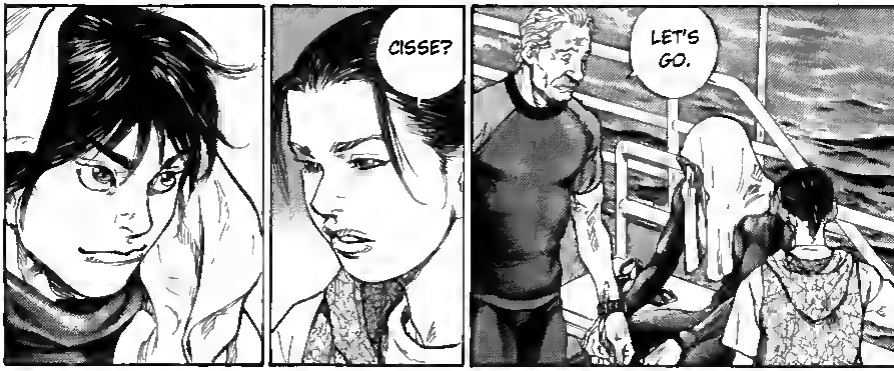


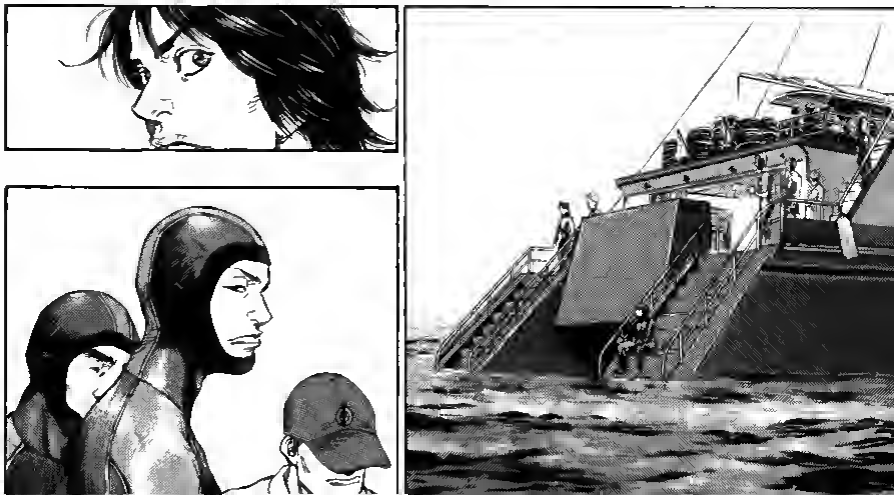

You dive and follow the rope, then you bring back the tack that proves you've been to that depth.

The competition that's being held today is the most basic and yet dangerous, Constant.

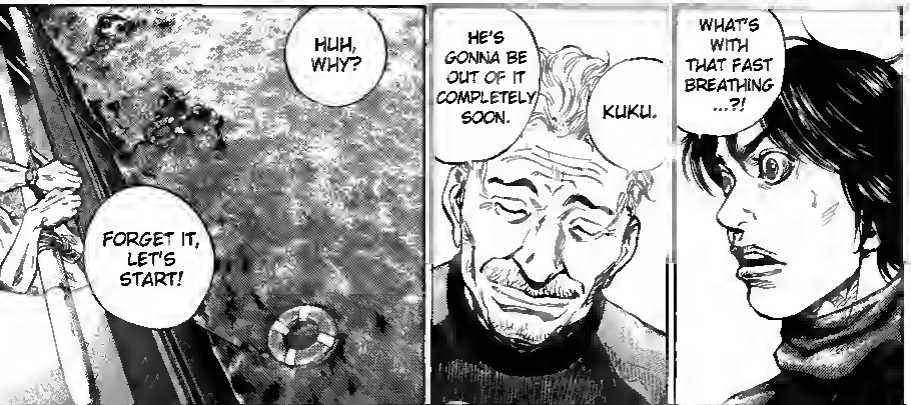

How far can someone dive underwater on just one breath?! A festival of the ocean's athletes challenging their ability's limit! The Japan Open commences!

The competitor that faints from oxygen shortage or has a shaking body will be disqualified!

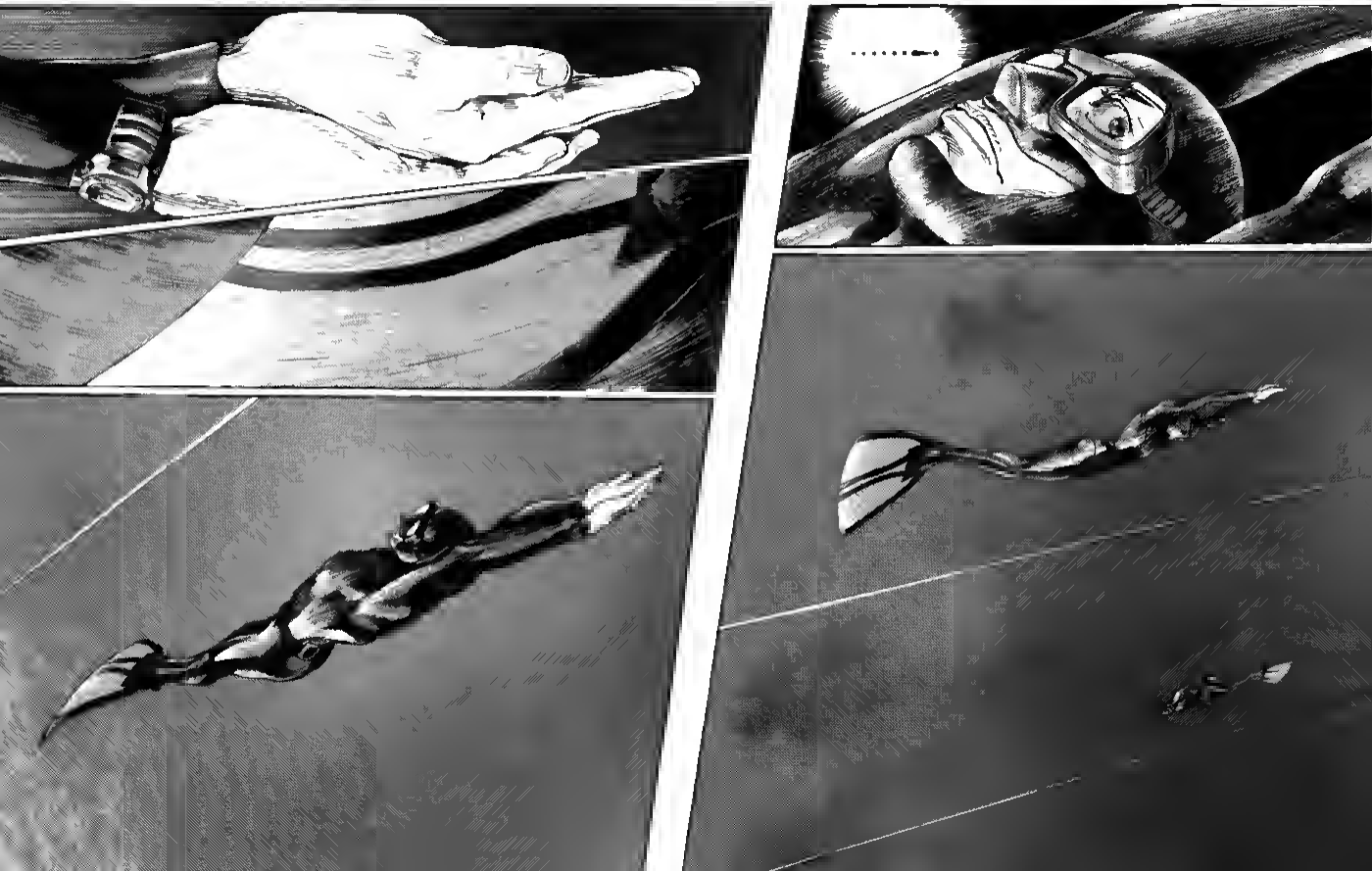

CISSE?
LET'S GO.



BTW THESE ARE ALL BREATHING SOUNDS >_<



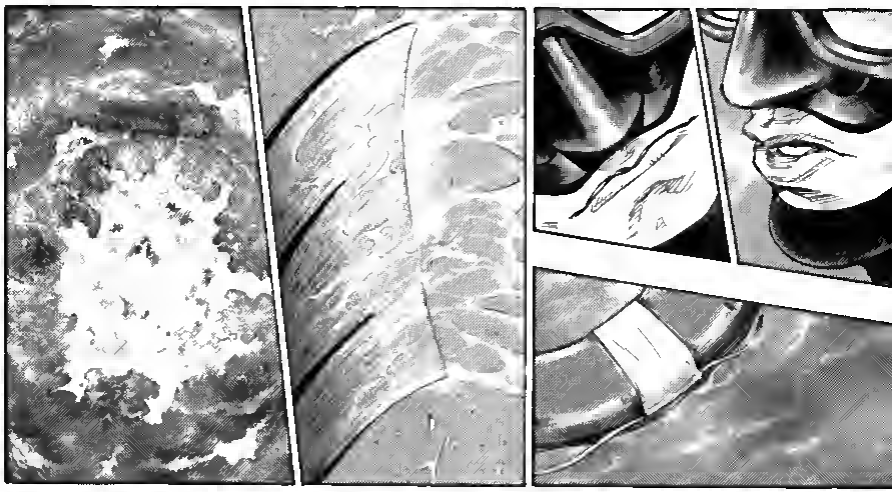
YOUR MUSCLES AND EARS HAVE TO BE FRESH IN ORDER TO GET A RECORD.
YOU CAN DO A REALLY LIGHT WARMING UP.
AND DON'T FORGET TO BE VERY RELAXED!

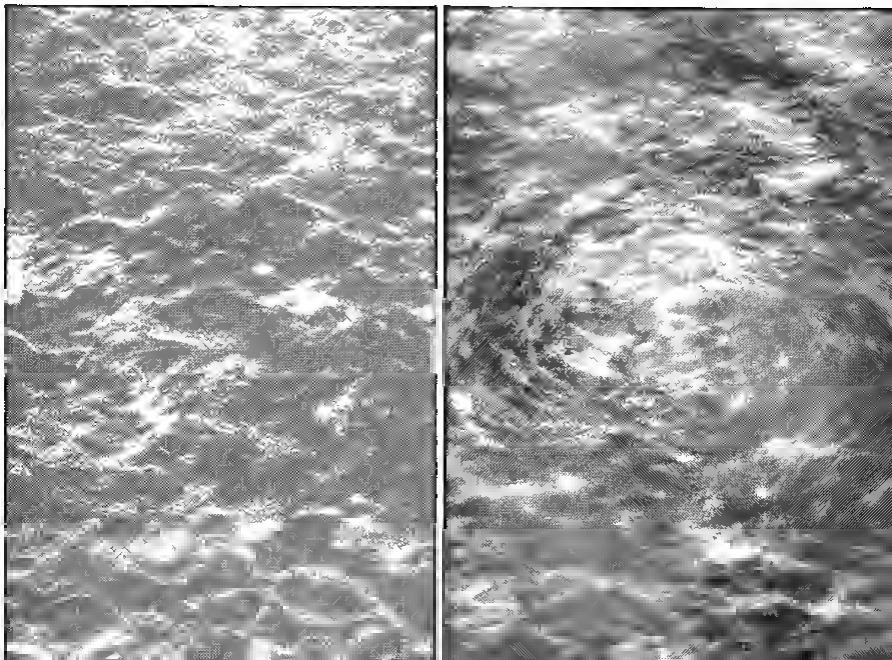


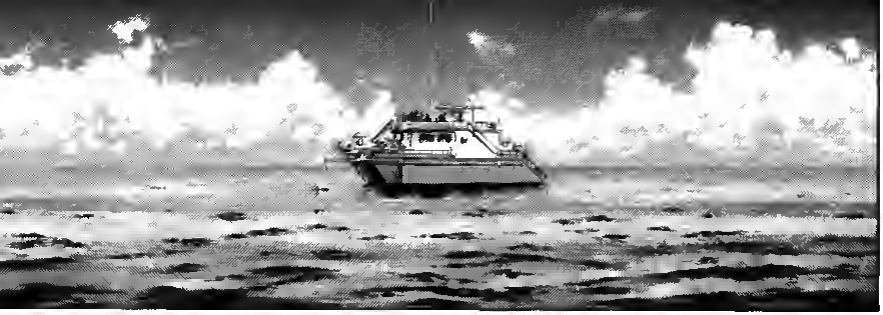
He's going for the world record depth of 90m.
HUFF
The first to dive is the participant Miyara Soichi!
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
AHHH

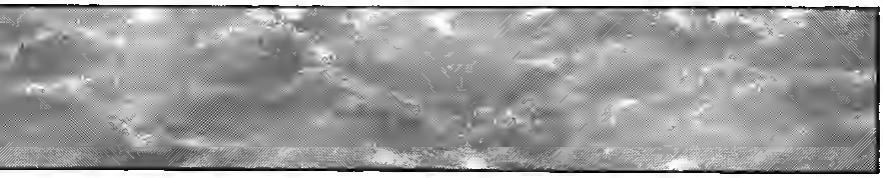
Participant Miyara, blackout!
Disqua-lified!!
IT MAKES IT HARD FOR YOU TO FEEL SUFFOCATED BUT THAT'S HOW MUCH IT MAKES IT EASIER FOR YOU TO BLACKOUT. HE'S FOOLISH.
WHAT THAT GUY USED IS CALLED HYPER VENTILATION WHICH IS A BREATHING TECHNIQUE THAT TRICKS THE BRAIN.
OH THAT SUCKS, BUT HOW?
THAT'S A NATURAL REACTION

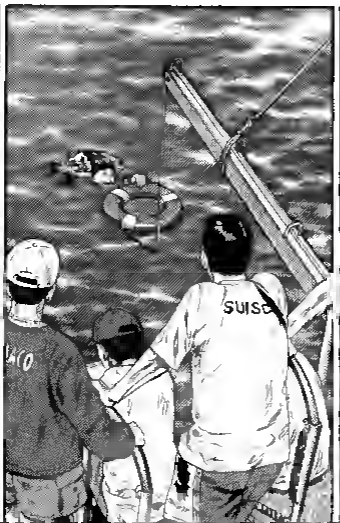
If he succeeds, it'll be his personal best and Japan's new record! World record tie!
Like the first participant, he's also going for diving depth of 90m...!
Second to dive is Japan's ace participant Negishi Ryuzo!







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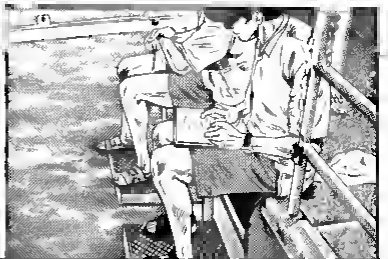

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He has done it! This is the birth of a world's top athlete!!
Success!!

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LOG⑮ END

LOG⑯ AHEAD

IT WON'T BE JUST A DREAM TO ACHIEVE OUR WISHES OF THE FIRST WORLD CUP VICTORY WITH THIS SPIRIT INTACT!
JAPAN'S NEW RECORD! WORLD TIE RECORD! CONSTANT DEPTH 90M SUCCESS!!

IT'S THE HEROIC DEED OF JAPAN'S ACE, NEGISHI RYUZO!!

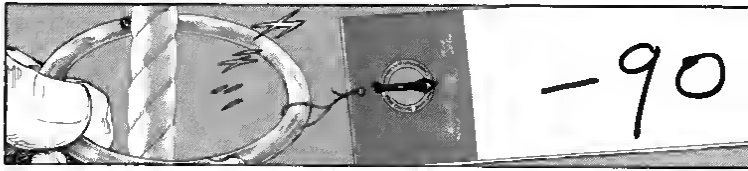
.....
DON'T LOOK AWAY FROM YOUR COURSE AND CONCENTRATE
NOW, CISSE

NEXT PARTICI-PANT IS ...
I HEARD IT'S PRO-NOUNCED "CISSE"
THAT PAR-TICIPANT WAS BROUGHT HERE BY MASTER CLAUDE
ISN'T THERE ANOTHER PARTICIPANT THAT SENT IN NOTICE FOR 90M?
YEAH
I THINK IT'LL BE TOO MUCH FOR HIM.
IT'S TOO DANGEROUS EVEN IF IF HE DID ENTER BY MASTER'S RECOM-MENDATION
MASTER MUST BE GOING SENILE
THIS PARTICIPANT DOESN'T HAVE ANY OFFICIAL RECORD AT ALL
AND HE'S GOING FOR THE WORLD RECORD?

DON'T BE SHY RELYING ON YOUR PARTNER IS ALSO A PART OF BEING IN A COMPETITION

I'LL PULL YOU UNTIL WE GET TO THE COMPETITION AREA
TURN YOUR FACE TOWARDS THE SKY GET RID OF ALL THE STRENGTH IN YOUR WHOLE BODY

I FEEL LIKE A KING..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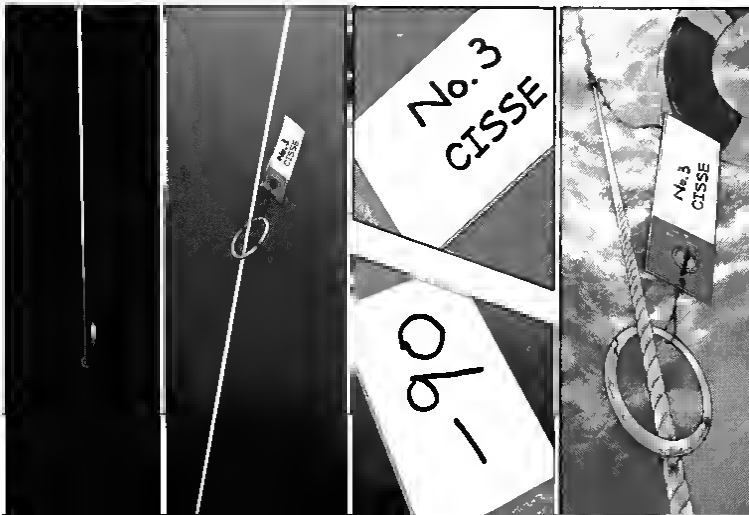
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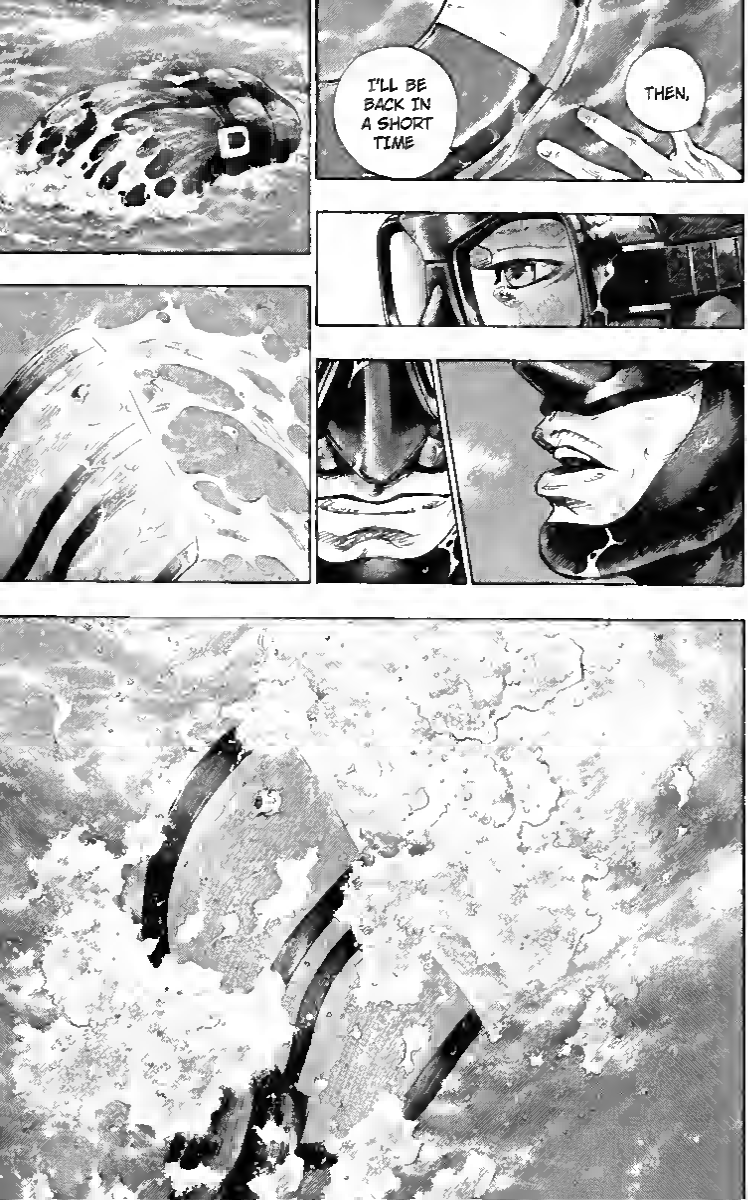
No.3 CISSE

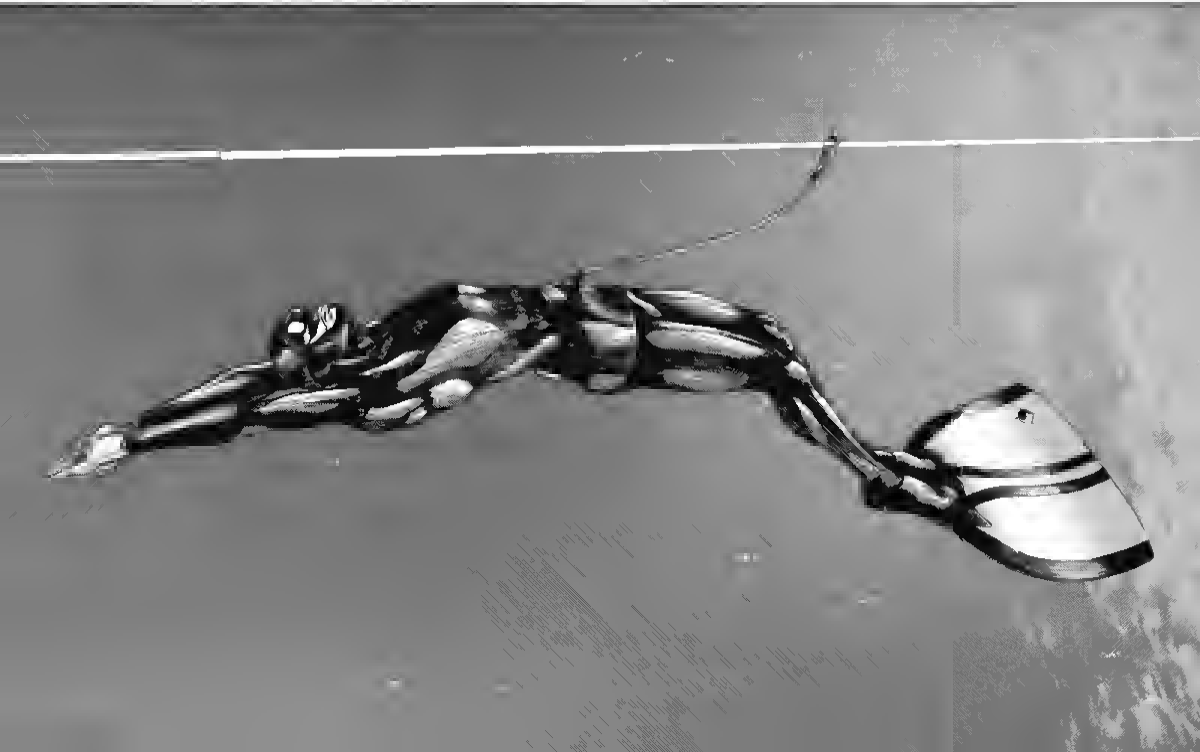
CISSE ..!
ANCHOR THE CABLE TO BE SAFE
3 MINUTES BEFORE COMPETITION STARTS ..

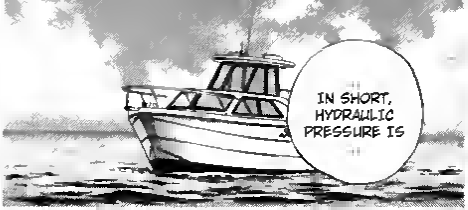
YEAH?
...
UNCLE?

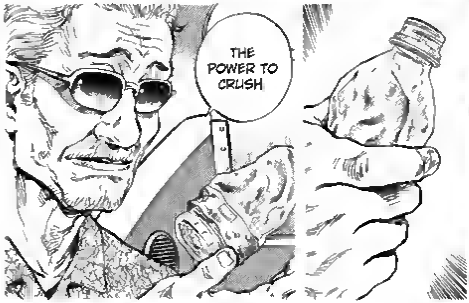
DO YOU REMEMBER WHAT YOU TOLD ME WHEN WE FIRST MET?

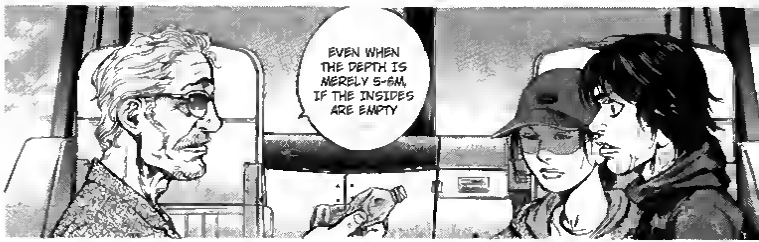
WHETHER IT'S DOWN HERE ... COME BACK AFTER YOU SEE IT FOR YOURSELF
OF COURSE, THE END OF IT,


I'LL BE BACK IN A SHORT TIME
THEN,

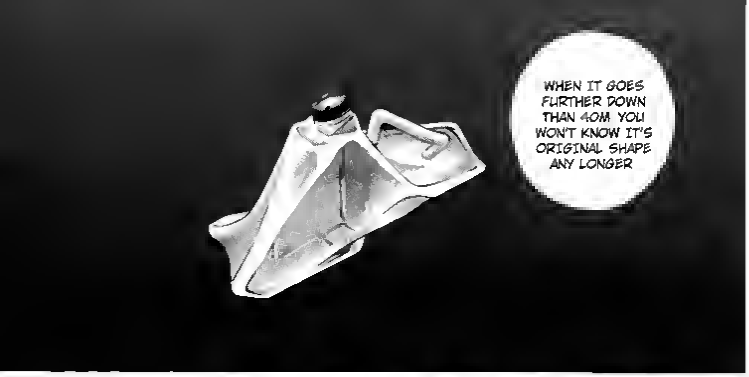


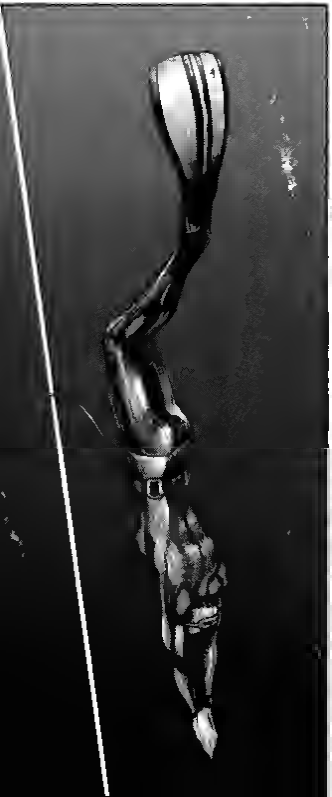

IN SHORT, HYDRAULIC PRESSURE IS


THE POWER TO CRUSH


EVEN WHEN THE DEPTH IS MERELY 5-6M, IF THE INSIDES ARE EMPTY

A STURDY CONTAINER WILL START TO CHANGE IT'S SHAPE


WHEN IT GOES FURTHER DOWN THAN 40M YOU WON'T KNOW IT'S ORIGINAL SHAPE ANY LONGER



THE SAME PHENOMENON HAPPENS IN YOUR EARS SO PUT AIR IN THEM

YOU HAVE TO FIND THE BALANCE BE-TWEEN AIR AND HYDRAULIC PRESSURE

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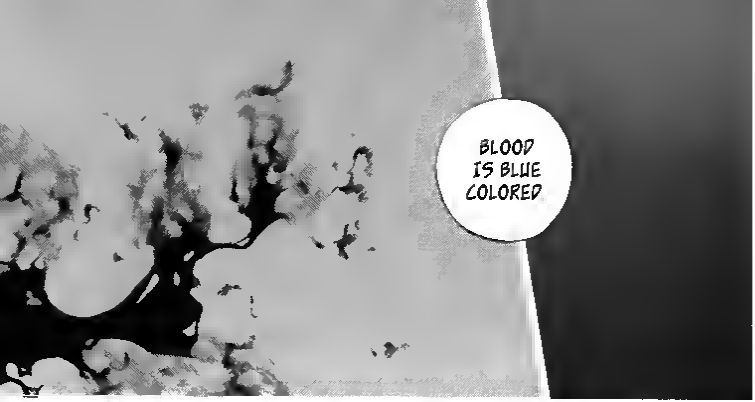
IT HURTS WHEN YOU DIVE WITHOUT STUFFING YOUR EARS.
ALTHOUGH LUNGS GO BACK TO IT'S ORIGINAL STATE TAKE THE EAR AS AN EXAMPLE
THAT'S BECAUSE THE SPOT IN THE MIDDLE EAR GETS SUPPRESSED BY THE HYDRAULIC PRESSURE LIKE THAT
THE INSIDE WALL'S VEIN GETS PULLED EXPANDED THEN FINALLY IT RUPTURES
THE EARDRUM WILL BE TORN AND THERE MIGHT BE CIRCUMSTANCES WHERE THE BLOOD FLOWS OUT OF THE NOSE OR EARS
WHEN YOU DIVE ABOUT 40M, IT DOESN'T MATCH THAT BLUE COLOR BECAUSE OF IT'S SHORT WAVE-LENGTH.
MOREOVER, LET ME TELL YOU ABOUT THE BLUE BLOOD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IS BLUE
COLORED

BLUE
BLOOD
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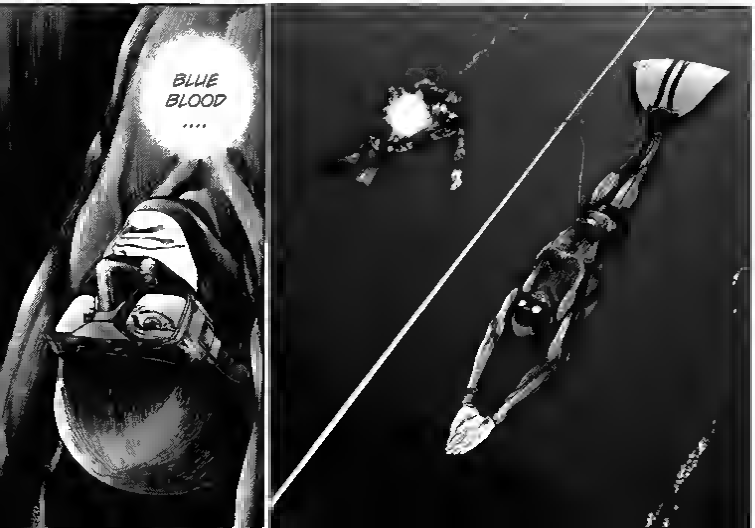
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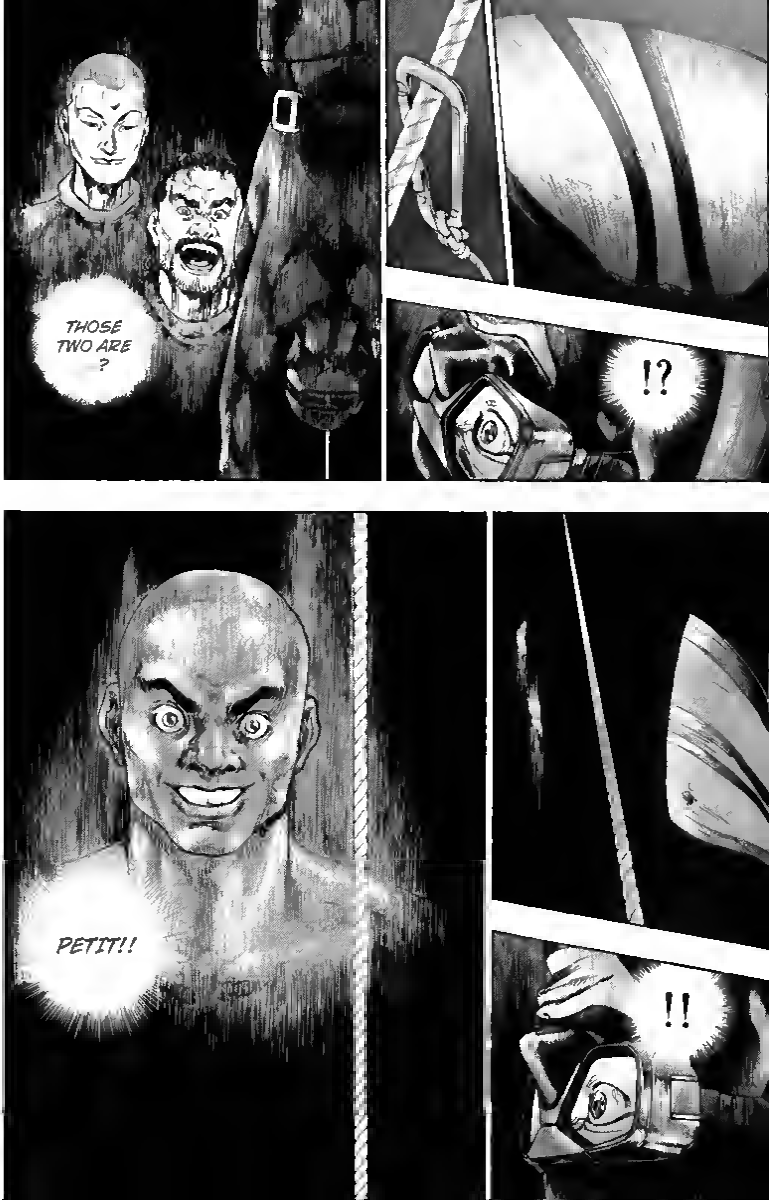
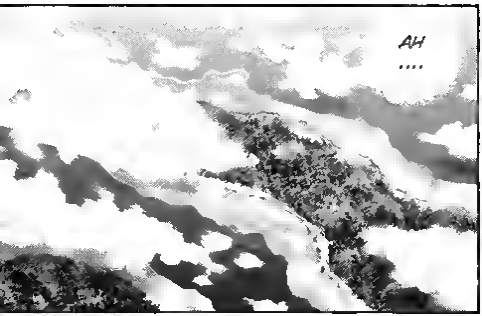
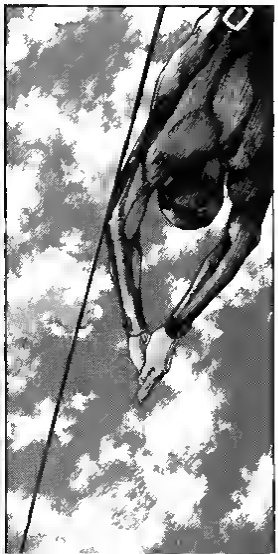

THOSE TWO ARE ?
!?
PETIT!!
!!

RED BEARD, HARUKA


AH ....

THIS IS...!!



MY ISLAND!!

NUNA
FATHER
...
TRANSLATOR NOTE: OLDER SISTER
NUNA
...?
FATHER
...?

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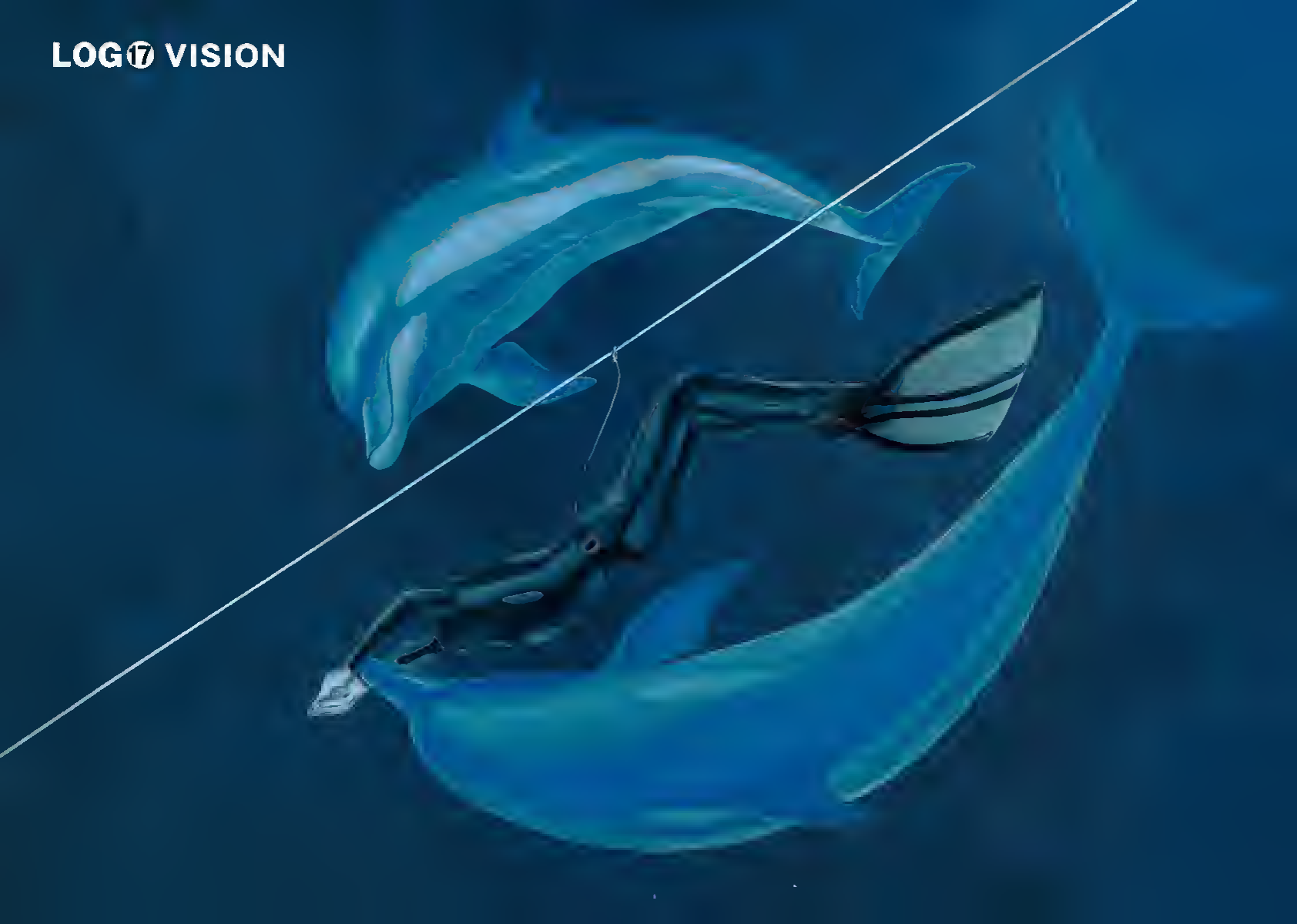
HOW DEEP ARE...?
NO... WHERE WAS IT?
DO YOU KNOW HI...?
PONKO WAVE IT PROBABLY MISS IT.



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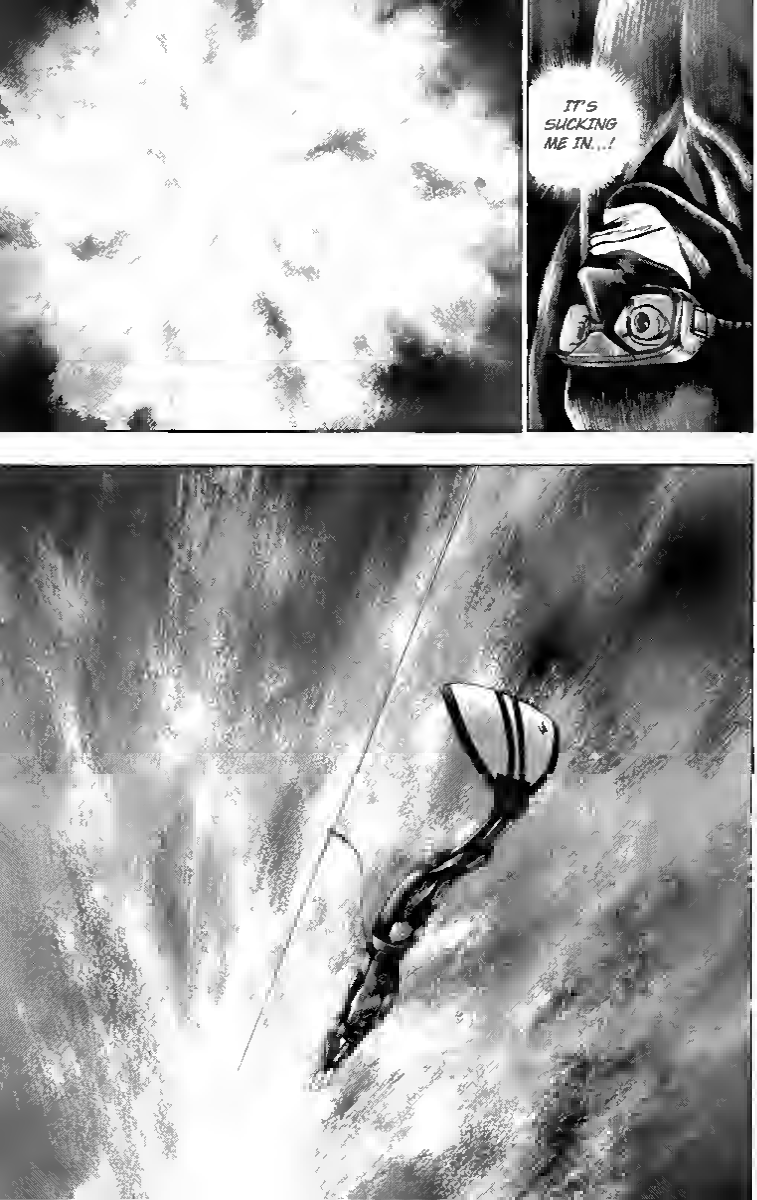
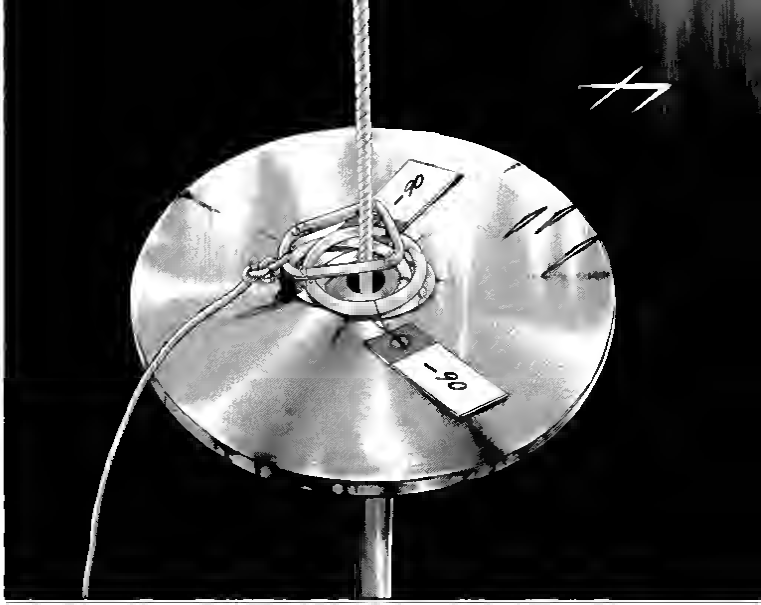
IS THAT...?
WHAT IS THAT?!


IT'S SUCKING ME IN...!

AHAH, IT MUST HAVE BEEN THIS FEELING. IT'S VERY WARM.
NO, WHY AM I GETTING THIS FEELING...?
OH... THAT IS ...!
I'M OUT OF IT NOW ...?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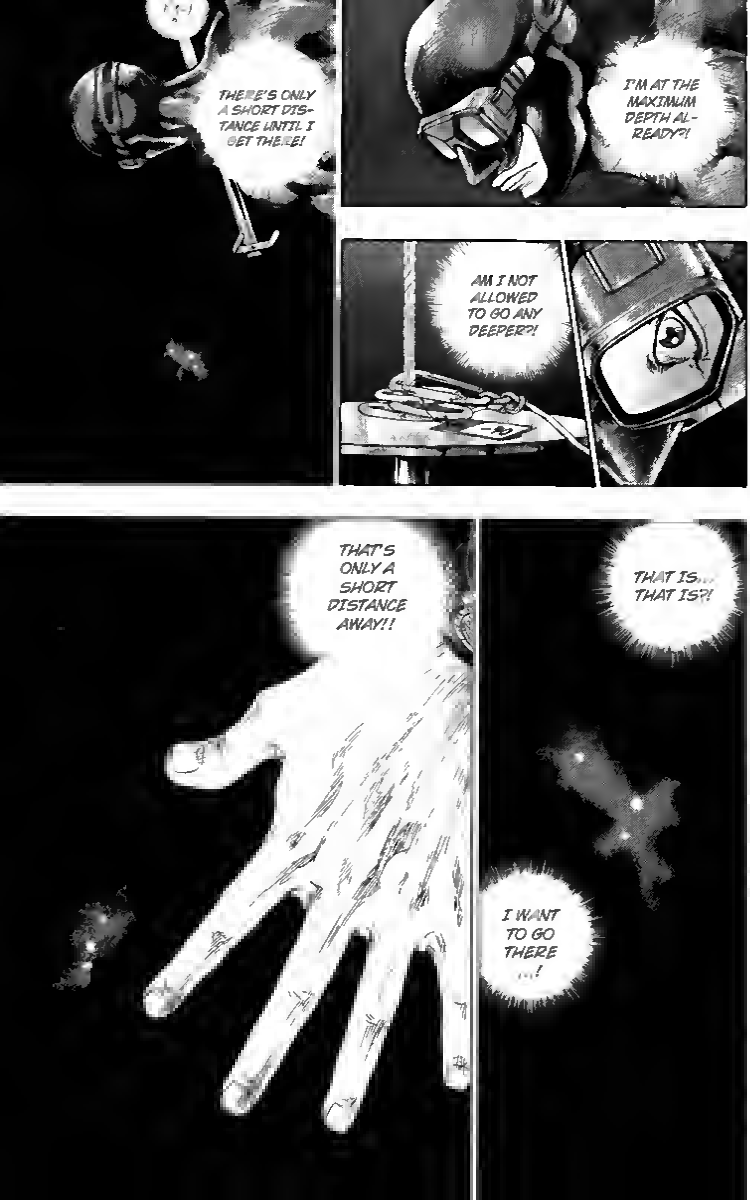
THERE'S ONLY A SHORT DISTANCE UNTIL I GET THERE!
I'M AT THE MAXIMUM DEPTH ALREADY?!
AM I NOT ALLOWED TO GO ANY DEEPER?!
THAT'S ONLY A SHORT DISTANCE AWAY!!
THAT IS... THAT IS?!
I WANT TO GO THERE...!

KEUK. IF I CAN'T GO THERE —
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AT LEAST I WANT TO LOOK AT IT ...!

TAKE THE TACK OUT QUICKLY AND GET UP TO THE SURFACE!
YOU FOOL, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!

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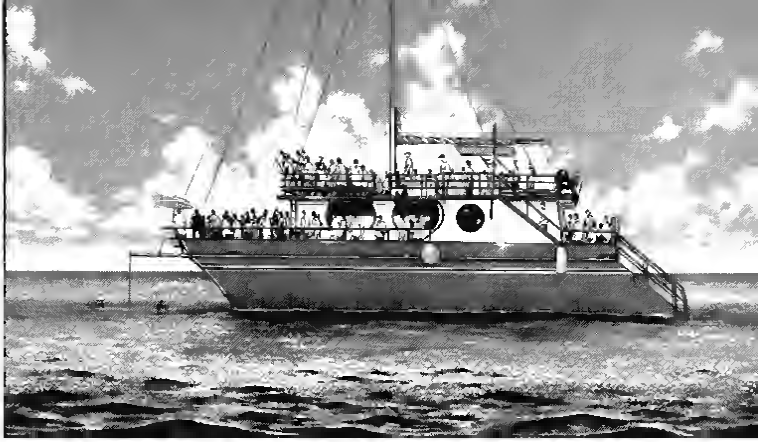
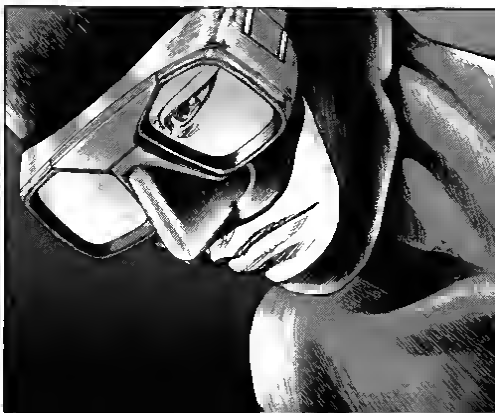
-RO



IT'S BEEN 1 MINUTE AND 30 SECONDS SINCE HE DOVE IN...
HE SHOULD BE ON HIS WAY UP AFTER ENDING HIS TURN.
CISSE

COME UP QUICKLY!!
WHY AREN'T YOU MOVING?!

THAT ...THAT BOY!
IS HE PLANNING TO DIE?!



CISSE, WHY AREN'T YOU COMING BACK ..?
CLAUDE, CAN'T YOU SEE HIM YET?

CISSE!
CISSE
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CISSE!!
WHAT'S
WRONG?!
YOU SHOULD
COME UP RIGHT
NOW! CISSE!!

CISSE
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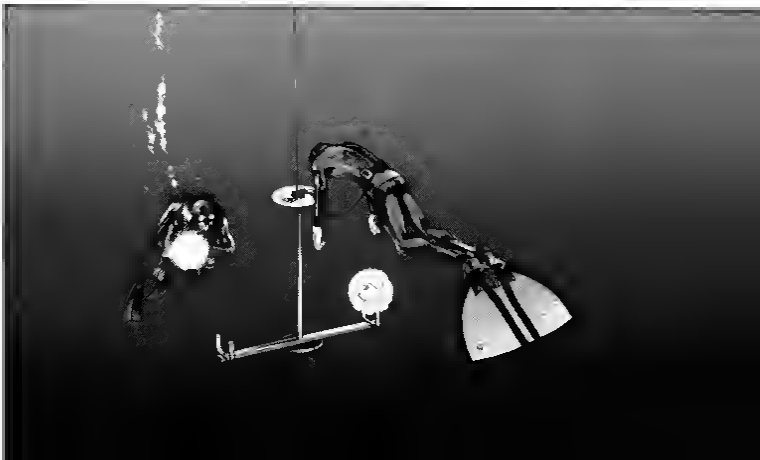
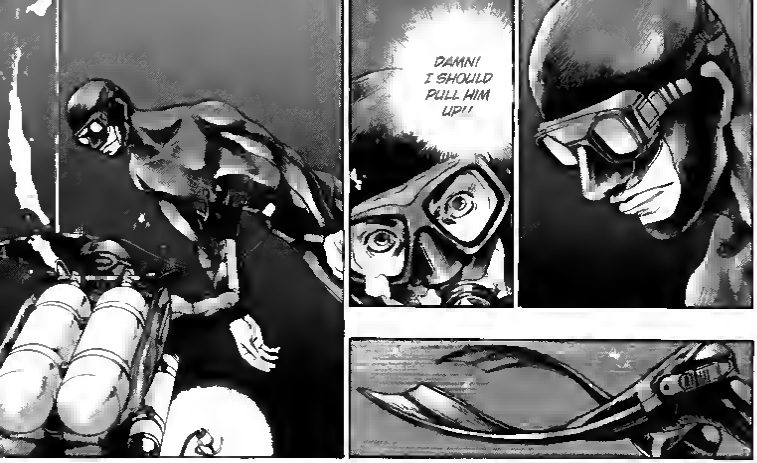
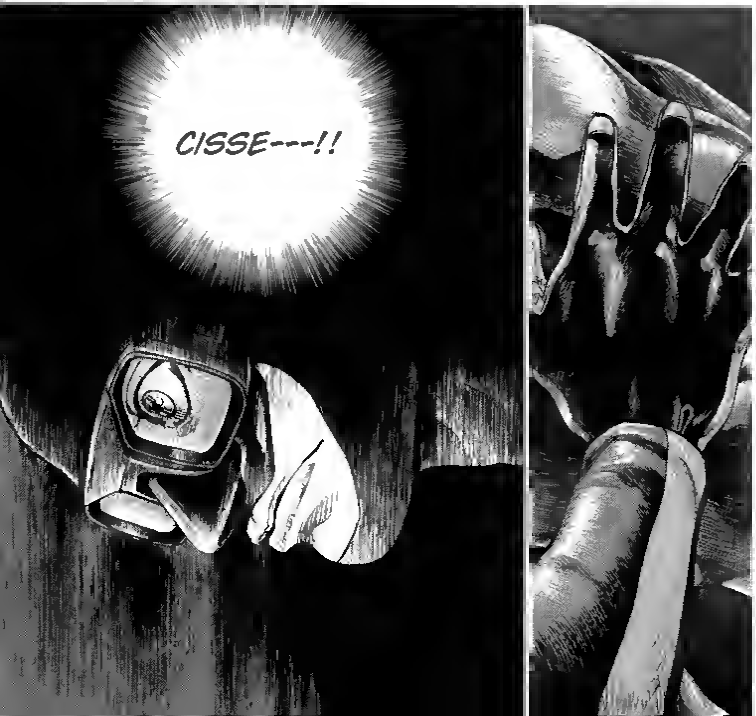
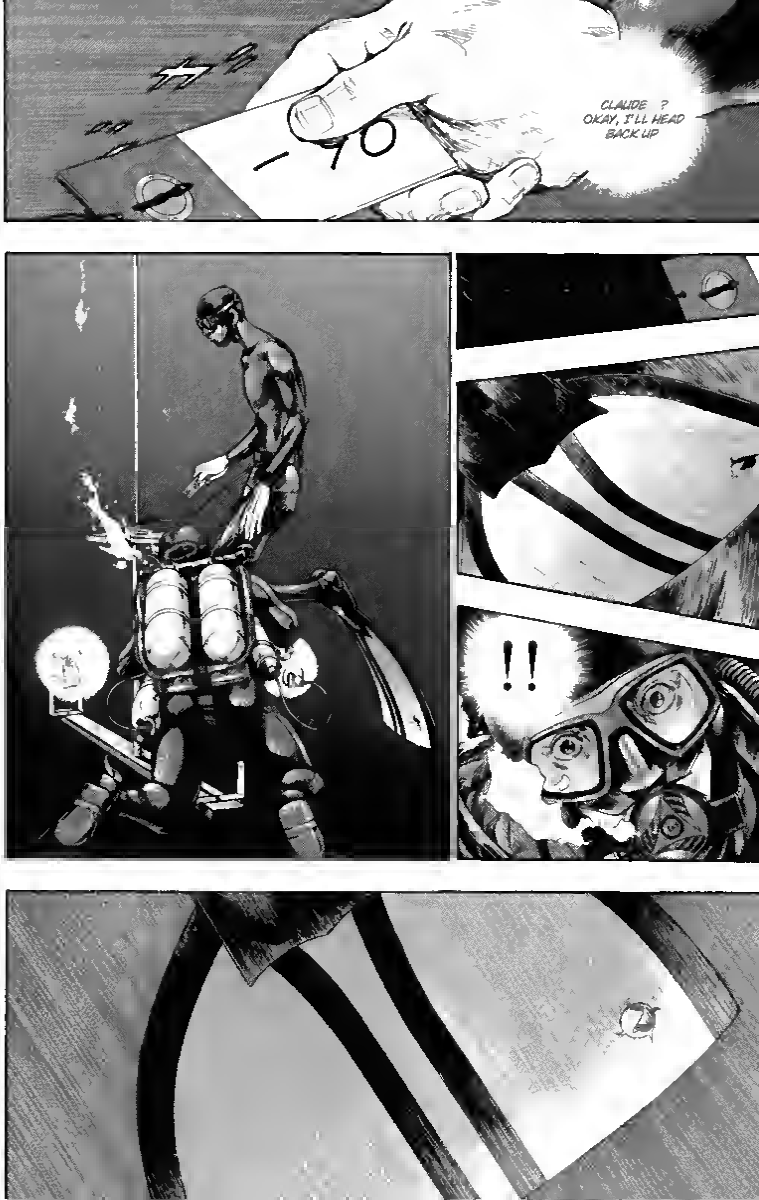



DAMN!
I SHOULD
PULL HIM
UP!!


CISSE---!!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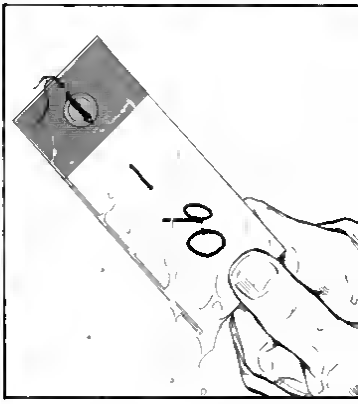
CLAUDE ?
OKAY, I'LL HEAD BACK UP
!!

HE'S COMING TOO LATE !
CISSE, COME BACK QUICKLY!
NO, WAIT
YOU KNOW, THIS SEEMS TOO DANGEROUS

I CAN SEE HIM!
CISSE?!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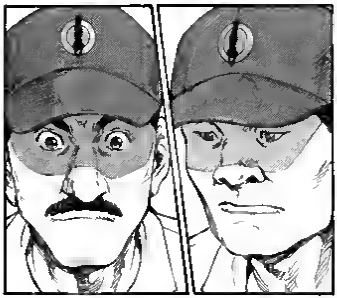
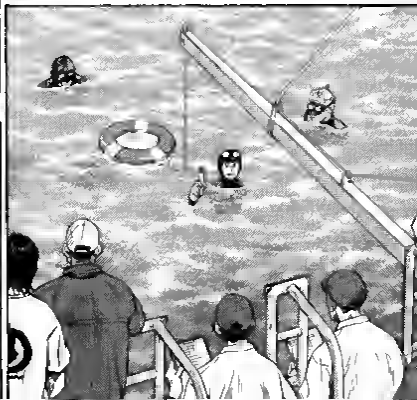


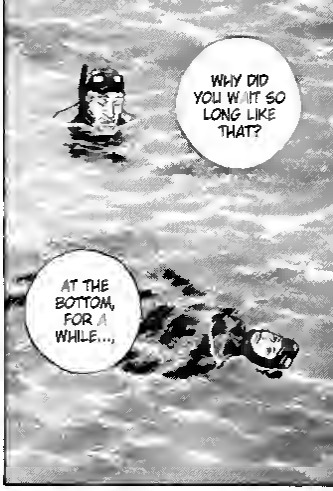
DID HE SUCCEED ...?
HUH, HOW CAN THIS BE ...

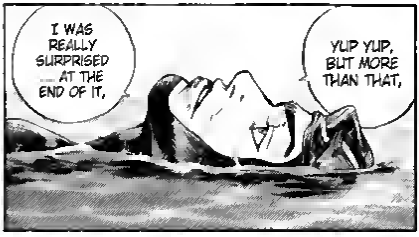


EVERYONE HAS SUCH A SCARY FACE WHEN THEY SHOULD BE APPLAUDING FOR ME
HUH, WHY?

I TOLD YOU THAT THEY OBSERVE YOU FOR 1 MINUTE TO SEE IF THERE'S ANYTHING WRONG WITH YOUR BODY AFTER YOU COME BACK UP
HEY, CISSE! THE COMPETITION'S NOT OVER YET..!!
SHEESH
I GAVE THE OK SIGN ALREADY.
HMPH
A SERIES OF WORLD TIE RECORD'S!!
SUCCESS —!!

SO DID YOU SEE SOMETHING ...?
HUHH HH...,


WHY DID YOU WAIT SO LONG LIKE THAT?
AT THE BOTTOM, FOR A WHILE...,


I WAS REALLY SURPRISED ... AT THE END OF IT,
YUP YUP, BUT MORE THAN THAT,

THERE WAS AN EVEN DEEPER END TO IT!
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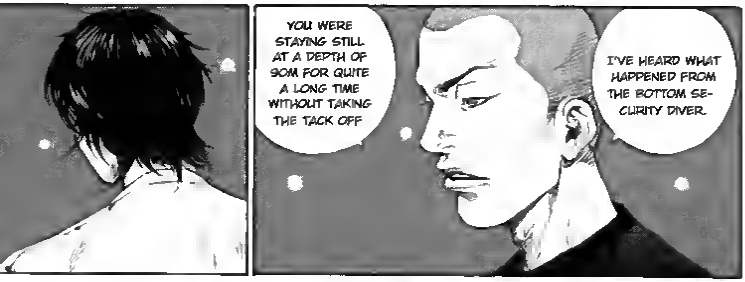
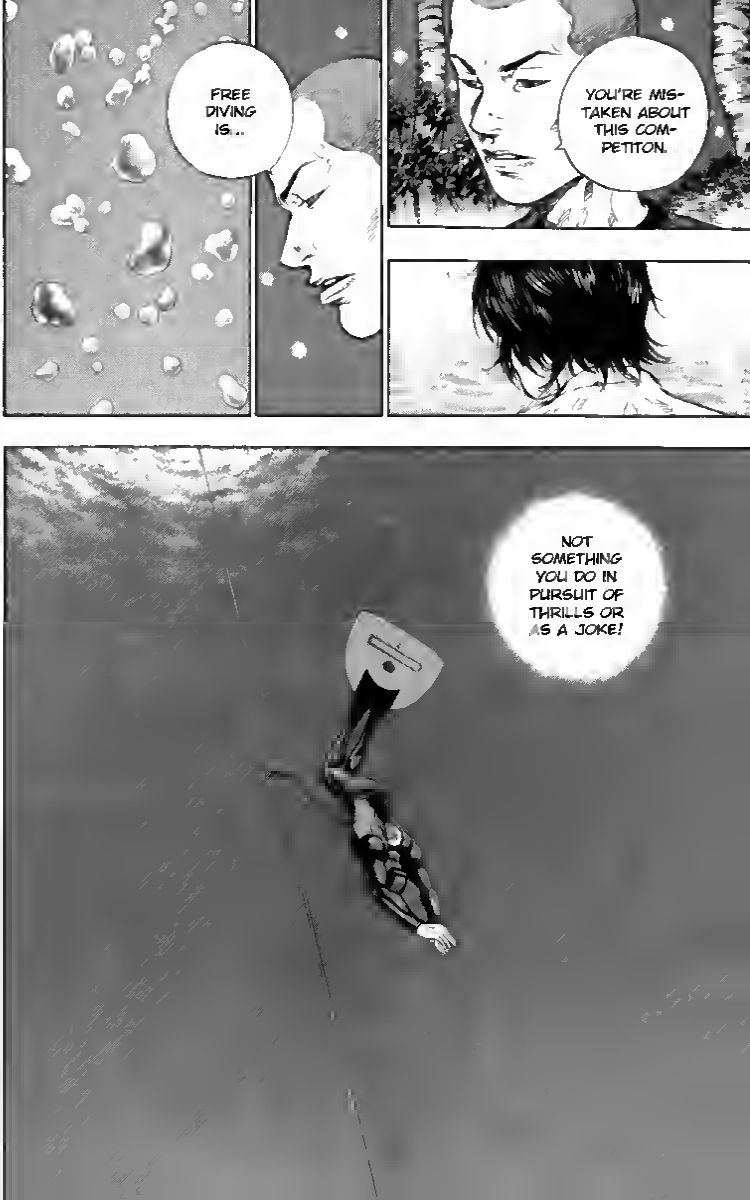
...HEY, LOOK HERE.

WHAT WERE YOU INTENDING TO DO?
TODAY'S CONSTANT ...


YOU WERE STAYING STILL AT A DEPTH OF 90M FOR QUITE A LONG TIME WITHOUT TAKING THE TACK OFF
I'VE HEARD WHAT HAPPENED FROM THE BOTTOM SECURITY DIVER.

SO YOU THINK YOU'RE AHEAD OF ME?
WERE YOU SHOWING OFF THAT YOU HAD ENOUGH TIME TO SPARE?


FREE DIVING IS..
YOU'RE MISTAKEN ABOUT THIS COMPETITON.
NOT SOMETHING YOU DO IN PURSUIT OF THRILLS OR AS A JOKE!

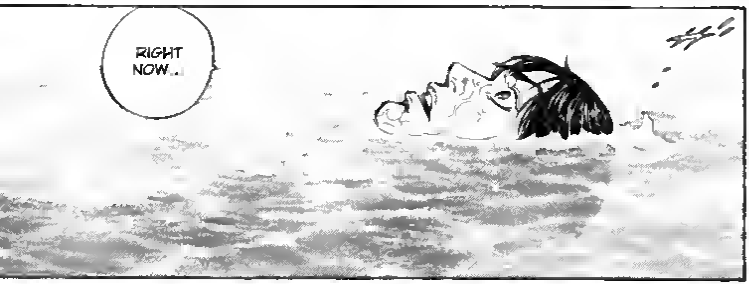
IT'S ABOUT CALMLY CONTROLLING YOUR MIND AND BODY TO ITS LIMIT.

...!!
.....
ARE YOU LISTENING TO ME?! HEY!

YOU BASTARD ...

THAT'S NOTHING TO BRAG ABOUT!
WHAT YOU DID BACK THERE!
THAT WAS NOT A COMPETITION OR ANYTHING BUT A TOTAL SUICIDE ACT!
...HUH?
WHO WERE YOU AGAIN...?
HOW DARE YOU MOCK ME...

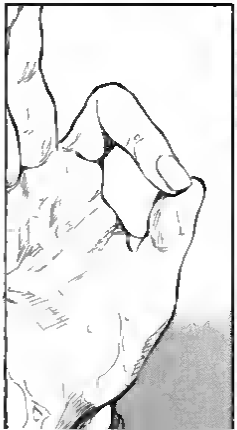
....?
gasp
COOL YOUR HEAD A BIT.


RIGHT NOW..

WHAT WAS I DOING?

FREE DIVING
JAPAN OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

STATIC APNEA



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YOU SAY THAT EVERY TIME.

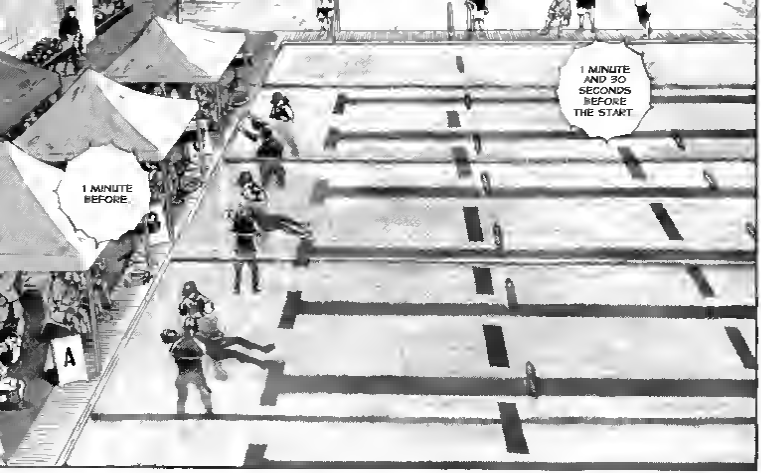
DON'T PUSH YOURSELF TOO HARD.
CISSE,

I GET IT ALREADY.

IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO GO

WHEN YOU START HOLDING YOUR BREATH, START COUNTING YOUR HEARTBEAT
DON'T THINK ABOUT ANYTHING ELSE BESIDES THAT.
HE'S GIVING OFF A REALLY BLOODY VIBE

I'VE HEARD THAT YOU LUCKED OUT ON THE CONSTANT.
WOO HAHA HAHA!
HEY, BOY!
THIS SOUNDS LIKE...
BUT I'M IN PERFECT CONDITION TODAY.
ALTHOUGH I MADE A MISTAKE SINCE I WAS IN BAD CONDITION!
CAN'T UNDER-STAND..
CISSE, LET'S GO TO THE COMPETITION AREA.
HAHA-HAHA.
BOY, DO YOUR BEST, TOO!
I'M AT A LOSS FOR WORDS.
JAPAN'S RECORD OF 6 MINUTES AND 29 SECONDS, I WILL ACHIEVE IT!
I WILL SHOW EVERYONE THE REAL ABILITY OF THE MAN OF THE OCEAN.


1 MINUTE AND 30 SECONDS BEFORE THE START
1 MINUTE BEFORE
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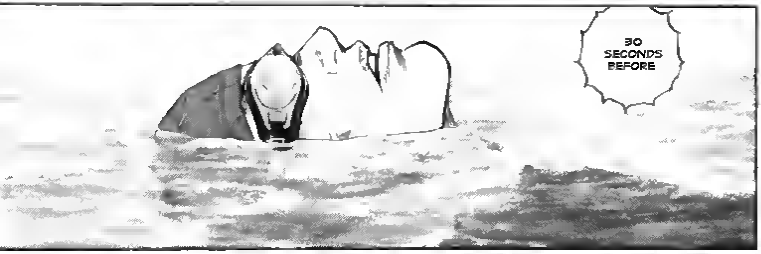
30 SECONDS BEFORE

10 SECONDS BEFORE
OFFICIAL TOP.
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF

Inhale
Ah ah ah

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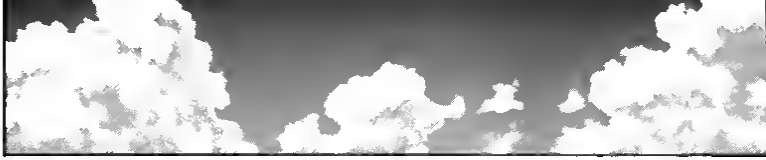

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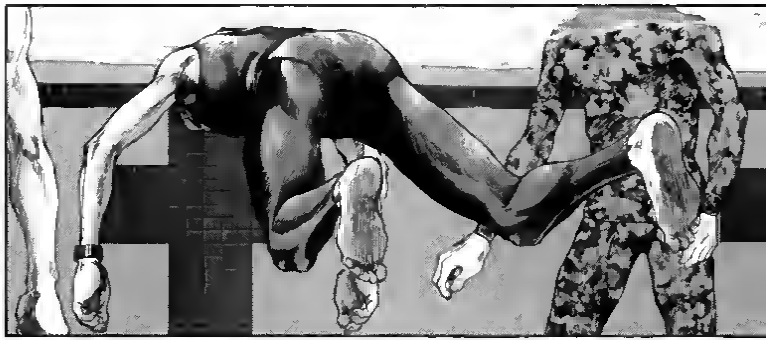

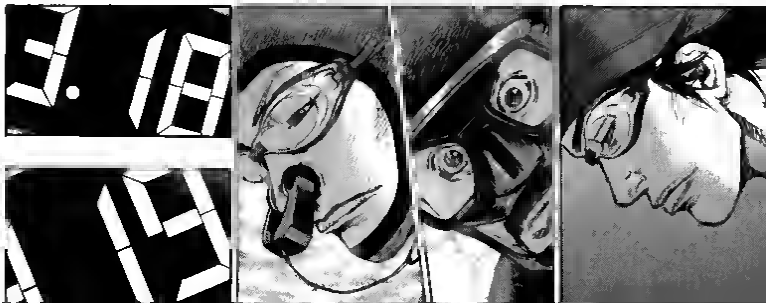

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: 5.02

THERE'S AN INTENSE BATTLE PROCEEDING TO MAINTAIN THEIR LIVES.
ALTHOUGH IT'S SILENT LIKE THIS..
RIGHT NOW, INSIDE THE BODIES OF THOSE TWO..
NEGISHI IS A WELL-TRAINED DIVER
I KNOW THAT CISSE IS NOT A WELL-TRAINED DIVER,

BUT CISSE WILL WIN!!

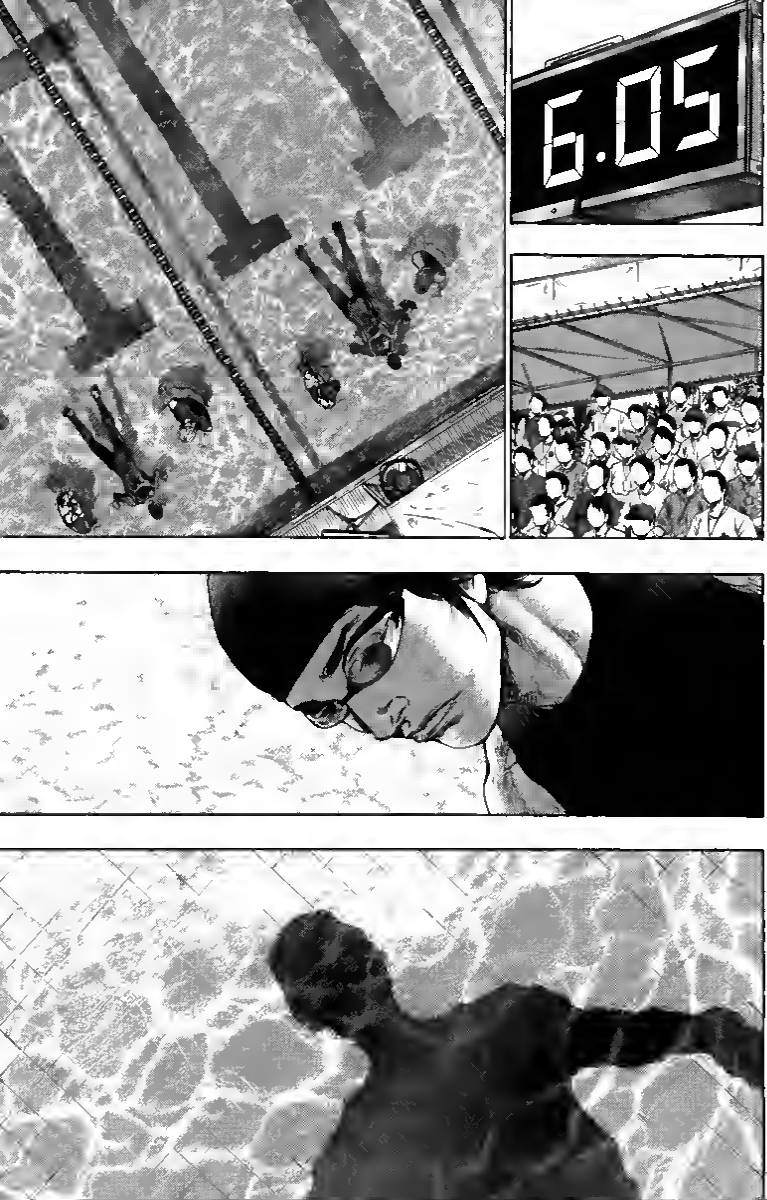
6.00

LOG 18 END

LOG⑲ LMC

NE, SU! YOU'RE DOIN GOOD!
OK...!
HE, R-A NOW IS 1 MINUTES 3 SECONDS

6 MIN-UTES !
STILL SOME TIME TO RELAX!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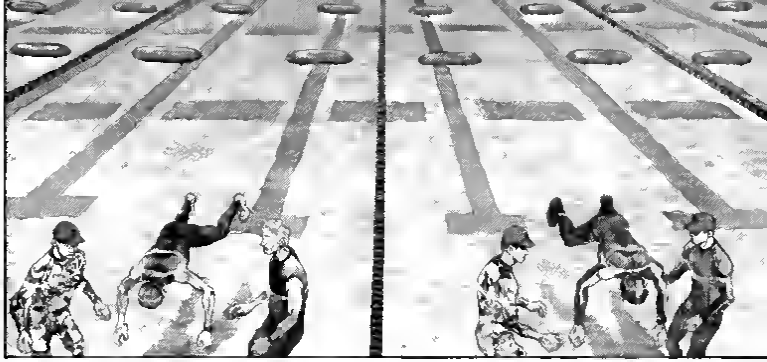

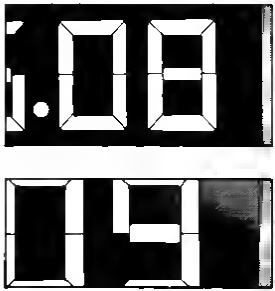

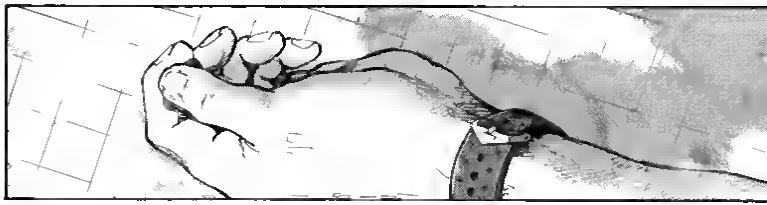

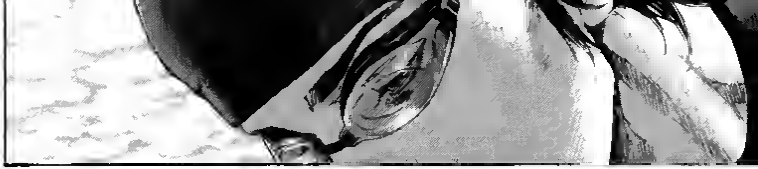

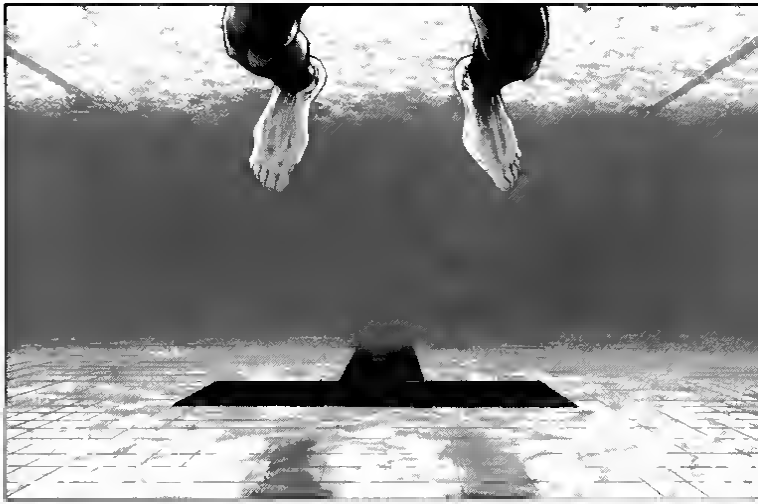

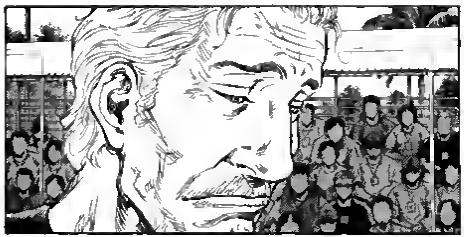

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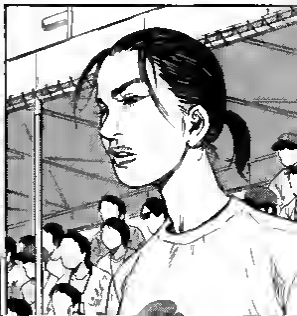

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IT'S POSSIBLE SINCE HE HAS ONLY 4 SECONDS LEFT

HE'S SO AWESOME I THINK NEGISHI JUST MIGHT BE ABLE TO BEAT HIS OWN JAPAN RECORD

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6.30
OK...!
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6 MINUTES 30 SECONDS !!
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PARTICIPANT NISHISHI S COMPETITION COMPLETED
IT S THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF JAPAN S NEW RECORD!
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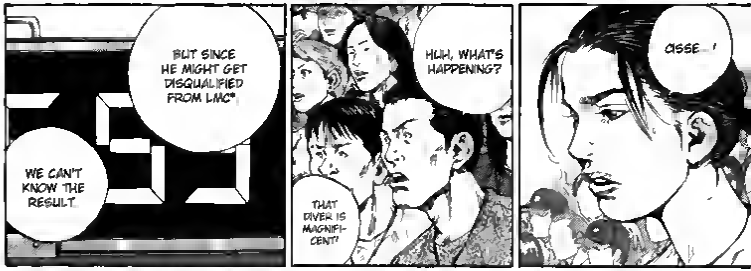
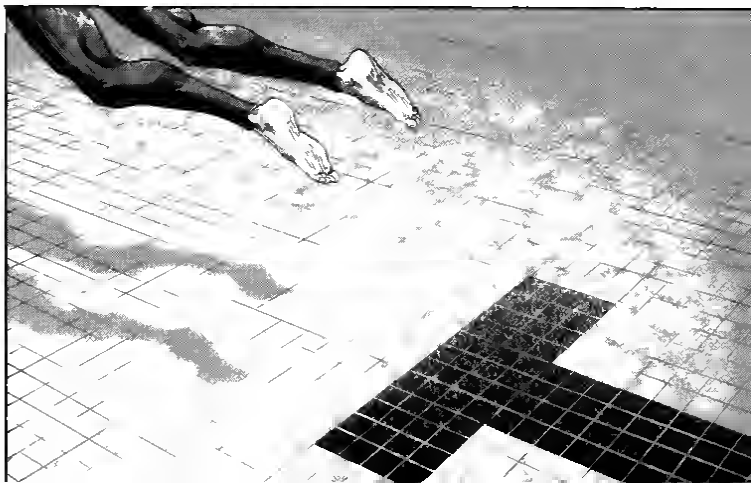
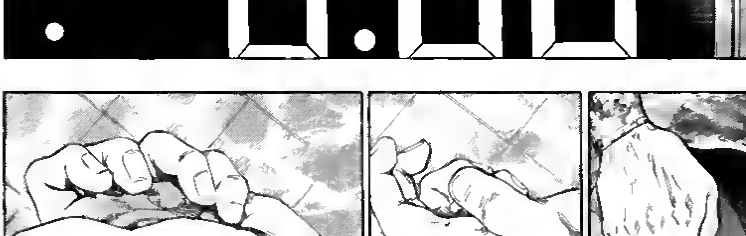

BUT SINCE HE MIGHT GET DISQUALIFIED FROM LMC*
WE CAN'T KNOW THE RESULT
HUH, WHAT'S HAPPENING?
THAT DIVER IS MAGNIFICENT!
CISSE...!

*LMC (LOST OF MOTOR CONTROL) IS SHAKING OR TREMBLING OF THE BODY CAUSED BY EXTREME LACK OF OXYGEN. PARTICIPANTS ARE DISQUALIFIED IF THEY REACH THIS CONDITION



7 MINUTES
15 SECONDS
OK !
CISSE, CROWDS OF PEOPLE ARE LOOKING YOUR WAY
THEY'RE LOOKING AT YOU, WHO IS USING YOUR SPLEEN TO STAY UNDERWATER

OSSE
YOU CAN
STOP



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PETIT'S 9 MINUTES 11 SECONDS COULD THIS POSSIBLY
WHAT WAS THE WORLD RECORD?
MORE THAN THAT WOULD BE ...!
CAN YOU HEAR ME?! STOP NOW!!
THIS IS A SATIS-FACTORY RECORD!
CISSE, THIS IS ENOUGH!
8.59

: 9.00
GOOD! SIGN

I GET AN OK, RIGHT?
I WOULD'VE BEEN ABLE TO DO IT LONGER, BUT I ENDED IT...

WHAT THE HELL?!
!!
FARTIG-FANT CISSE IS DISQUA-LIFIED
WE JUDGE IT AS LMC.
OH OH, CISSE

HEY, JUDGE, LOOK AT ME CLOSELY!
I'M ABSO-LUTELY FINE.
DON'T! CALM DOWN, CISSE!!

LET ME GO--!!
LOG⑲ END

LOG⑳ CIVILIZATION

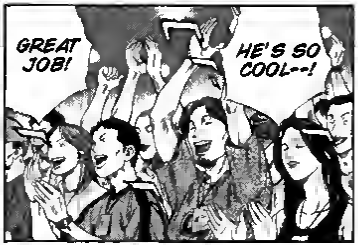
I WILL INTRODUCE TO YOU THE BEST MENS PARTICIPANT OF THE ALL-ROUND COMPETITION!

ree Diving Japan Open
in OKINAWA
FREE DIVING JAPAN CUP IN OKINAWA!
Open
Championship in Okinawa

6 MINUTES 40 SECONDS IN STATIC! THIS IS ALSO ANOTHER NEW RECORD FOR JAPAN!
IN CONSTANT, HE HAS ACHIEVED JAPAN'S NEW RECORD AS WELL AS THE WORLD RECORD OF 90M!

PARTICIPANT
NEGISHI
RYUJO!

AS EVERYONE HERE ALL KNOWS...,
FREE DIVING
Okinawa
Championship
Japan Qu


GREAT JOB!
HE'S SO COOL--!

IT'S ONLY POSSIBLE WHEN THERE ARE SAFETY COUNTER-MEASURES AND EFFORTS BY THE STAFF

FREE DIVING IS A COMPETITION FILLED WITH DANGERS.

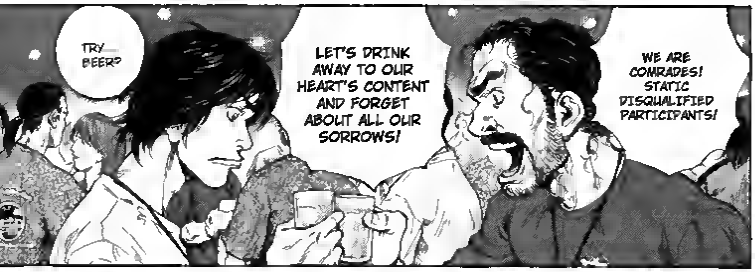
A DIVER CAN'T ACHIEVE A RECORD WITH ONLY HIS ABILITY.

WITH ALL THE STAFF OF THIS COMPETITION!

SO I'D LIKE TO SHARE THIS TROPHY...

WHERE DID HE GO?!
CISSE?

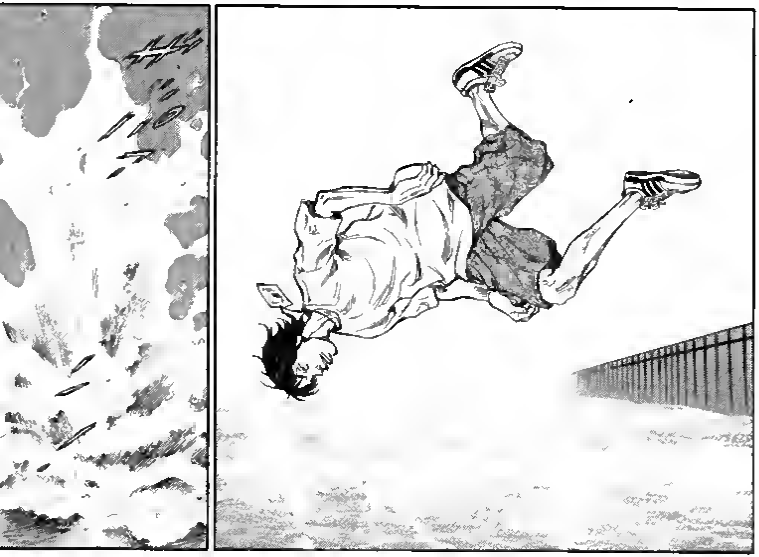
BOY, JUST DRINK IT!!
WOOHA HAHA!!


TRY... BEER?
LET'S DRINK AWAY TO OUR HEART'S CONTENT AND FORGET ABOUT ALL OUR SORROWS!
WE ARE COMRADES! STATIC DISQUALIFIED PARTICIPANTS!

EVEN UNCLE DRINKS IT QUITE FREQUENTLY...
IS BEER THAT TASTY...?

WOOH AHAHA, VERY GOOD!
THAT'S WHAT I CALL BEING COOL EVEN IF YOU'VE BEEN DISQUALIFIED!
HMM?
CHEERS TO DISQUALIFICATION!
LET'S DRINK AWAY ONE CUP AFTER ANOTHER HOORAY TO THE MAN OF THE OCEAN!
ONE CUP AFTER ANOTHER, MORE AND MORE.
in OKIN
DEKISHI-- GET LOST ~~~
I'M THE ONE WHO ACTUALLY GOT THE 1ST PLACE
AH---- WHAT'S WITH THAT BASTARD?!
UGH~~~...?

ARA?
DEKISHI, YOU...
SLIP
RUN TO THE STAGE, HURRY.
HEY YOU--- LET'S GO FOR ANOTHER ROUND AGAIN---RIGHT NOW



PLEASE COME OUT OF THE POOL QUICKLY!
IT IS DANGEROUS TO SWIM AFTER DRINKING!

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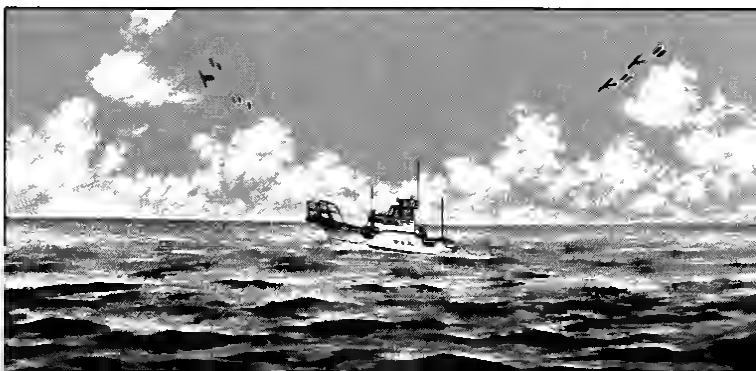
THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT TO SHOW YOU

WHERE ARE WE GOING NOW?
UNCLE,

LET'S JUST STOP BY SOMEWHERE FOR A BIT



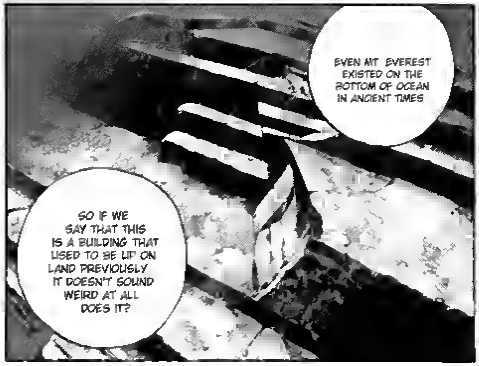
WHAT DO YOU WANT TO SHOW ME IN A PLACE LIKE THIS...?
YOU'LL SEE WHEN WE GO DOWN THERE
!!

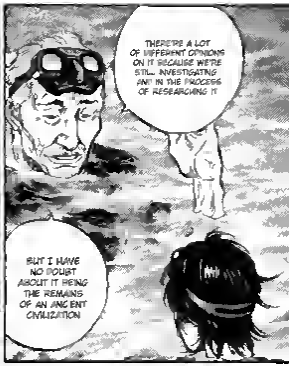
IT LOOKS LIKE STAIRS IS IT SOMETHING MADE BY SOMEBODY?

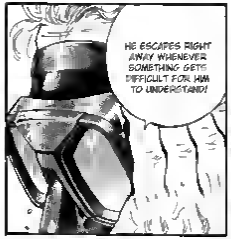
WHAT'S WITH THIS PLACE?!

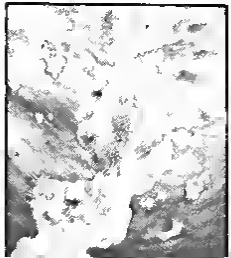
POSSIBLE ..?
OR IS IT NATURALLY ?
RUINS?

WHAT IS IT EXACTLY...? SHRINE? CASTLE?
THIS IS GREAT! IT'S SO HOT! IT'S FUN!


EVEN MT. EVEREST EXISTED ON THE BOTTOM OF OCEAN IN ANCIENT TIMES
SO IF WE SAY THAT THIS IS A BUILDING THAT USED TO BE LIT ON LAND PREVIOUSLY IT DOESN'T SOUND WEIRD AT ALL DOES IT?


THERE'RE A LOT OF DIFFERENT OPINIONS ON IT BECAUSE WE'RE STILL INVESTIGATING AND IN THE PROCESS OF RESEARCHING IT
BUT I HAVE NO DOUBT ABOUT IT BEING THE REMAINS OF AN ANCIENT CIVILIZATION


HE ESCAPES RIGHT AWAY WHENEVER SOMETHING GETS DIFFICULT FOR HIM TO UNDERSTAND!



GWR.

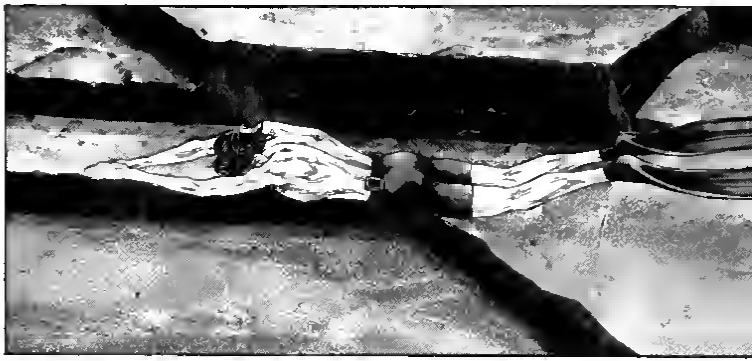
SERIOUSLY? MOUNTAIN ON THE BOTTOM OF THE OCEAN?

IT'S THE EVIDENCE OF CHANGE IN THE LITHOSPHERE THAT HAPPENED WHEN THE SUMMIT OF A MOUNTAIN PRODUCES AMMONITE
YOU DIDN'T EVEN KNOW THAT? IT'S FOSSILIZATION

CISSE
CAN YOU FEEL IT?

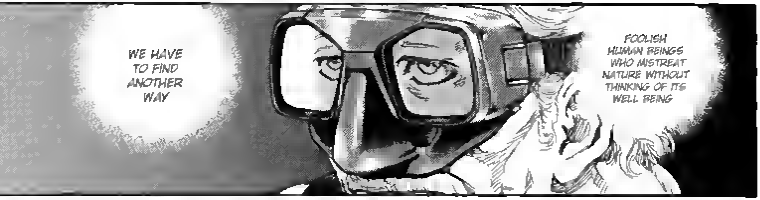
THAT PROVES THAT THE POWER OF HUMAN BEINGS IS VERY STRONG

IF THIS REALLY IS THE REMAINS



THIS IS EXACTLY WHAT THE END OF HUMAN CIVILIZATION IS!

HOWEVER, THIS IS ONLY A RUIN


WE HAVE TO FIND ANOTHER WAY
FOOLISH HUMAN BEINGS WHO MISTREAT NATURE WITHOUT THINKING OF ITS WELL BEING

CISSE,
WHO'S COME
FROM THE OCEAN,
YOU MUST OPEN
A NEW WAY FOR
HUMANKIND!

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LOG㉑ THROMBUS

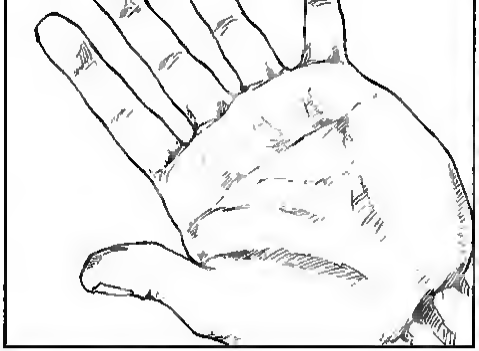
COULD THE SPLEEN BE AN UNNECESSARY ORGAN AFTER ALL...?
...DAD.

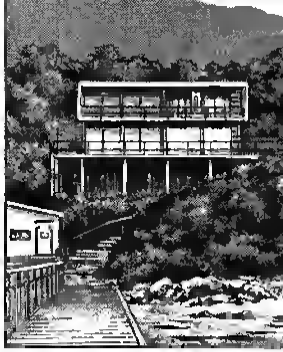
PLEASE HELP ME.
YOUR DEATH WAS CAUSED BY REMOVING THE SPLEEN IN SURGERY — AM I WRONG?
WHILE I WAS RESEARCHING ITS USEFULNESS I ALSO FOUND OUT ABOUT ITS DANGEROUSNESS
I THOUGHT MY DISCOVERIES WOULD BE A BREAKTHROUGH IN THE FIELD OF MEDICINE BUT THEY WEREN'T

OH WRONG PLACE.
YOU DIDN'T EVEN KNOCK!
GUESS I ENDED UP IN YOUR ROOM.
I WAS LOOKING FOR THE BATHROOM

IT'S NOT WHAT YOU THINK...
WELL, I JUST...
YOU CAN GO TAKE A WALK IF YOU'RE BORED! DON'T DISTURB ME
STOP JOKING AROUND ALREADY!

WHY DID I GO THERE ANYWAY?!
SHE'S SO CRANKY...





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BUT IT'S ALL BETTER NOW!
JUST A WHILE AGO

IT'S STIFF? SINCE WHEN?

SOMETHING WRONG WITH YOUR HAND?
IT FEELS A BIT STIFF. MAYBE I SLEPT ON THE WRONG SIDE OF THE BED?

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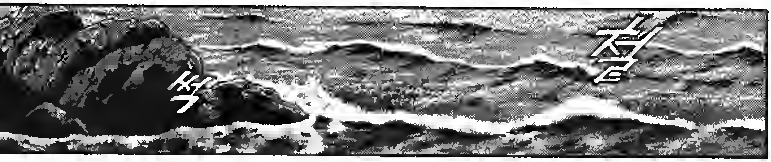
WHAT WE WERE CONCERNED ABOUT IS HAPPENING!
THAT DISORIENTATION FROM LAST NIGHT AND STIFFNESS ON TOP OF THAT... IT'S TAKING EFFECT!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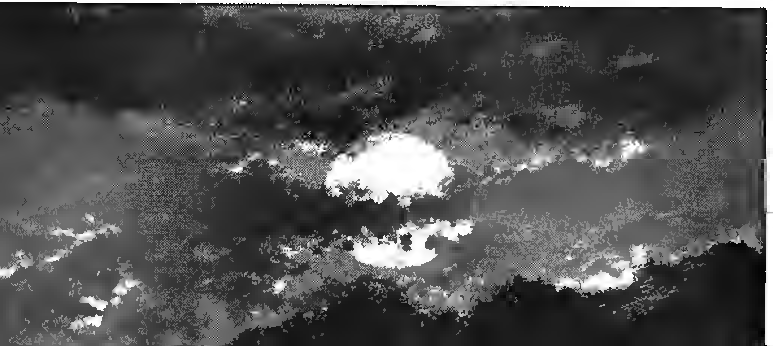
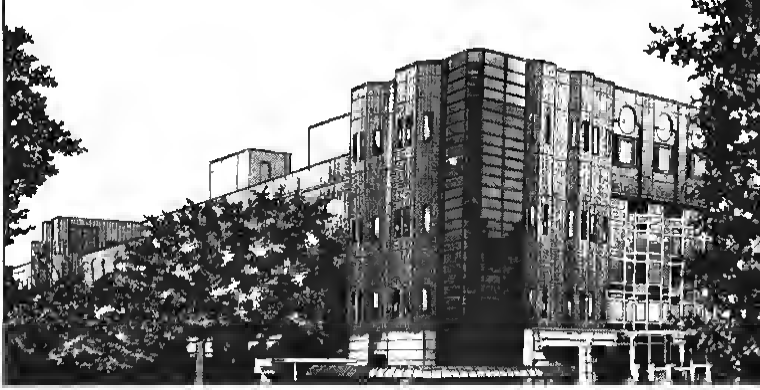
AREN'T YOU BEING OVERLY CONCERNED?
I'LL CHECK WITH A BRAIN CT
. I'M QUITE SURE THAT IT'S A TRANSIENT CEREBRAL ISCHEMIC ATTACK
SO YOU PLANNING TO GO TO TOKYO TOMORROW?





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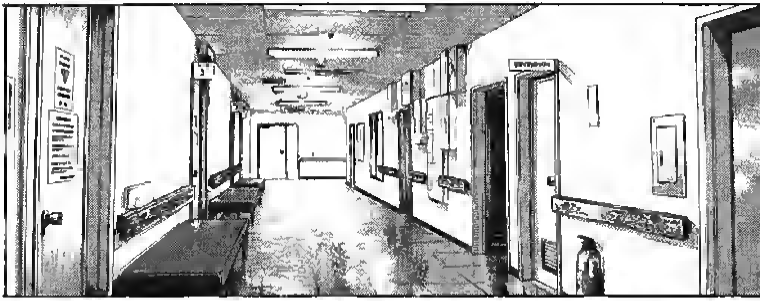
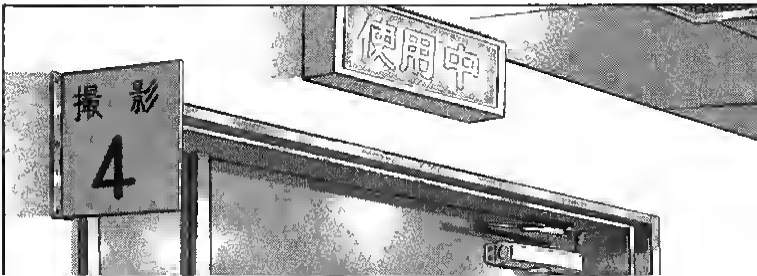
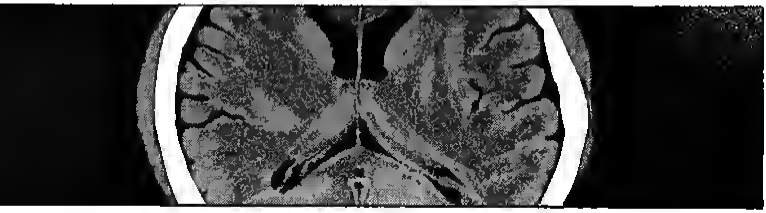
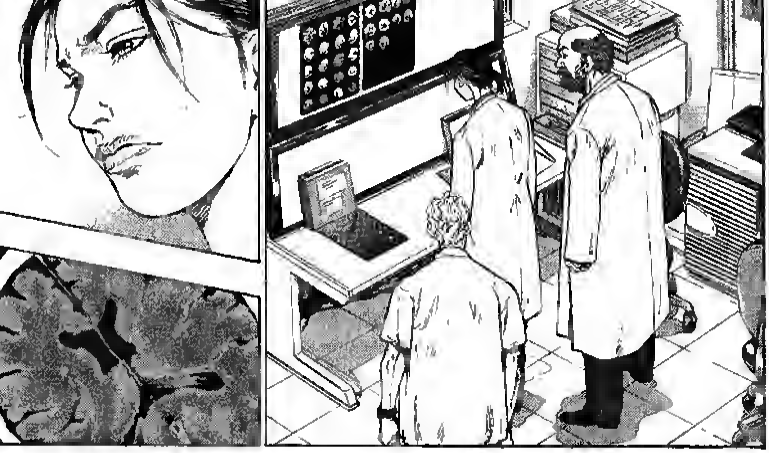


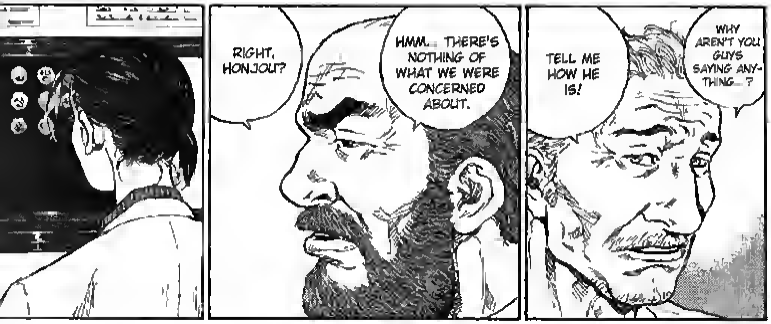


I'M NOT SICK AT ALL!
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'RE PUTTING ME IN A WEIRD MACHINE AGAIN.
TAKE ME OUT OF HERE RIGHT NOW!

BUT IT'S DEFINITELY THE SYMPTOMS OF CEREBRAL INFARCTION!
CISSE'S SYMPTOMS AREN'T SERIOUS FOR NOW...
IT'S LIKELY WE'LL DETECT A MINOR INFARCTION THROUGH THIS EXAMINATION
THE SPOT WHERE BRAIN FORMATION HAS STARTED DYING FROM A THROMBUS CUTTING OFF THE BLOOD—!






RIGHT, HONJOU?
HMM... THERE'S NOTHING OF WHAT WE WERE CONCERNED ABOUT.
TELL ME HOW HE IS!
WHY AREN'T YOU GUYS SAYING ANYTHING...?

I CAN ONLY OBSERVE IT'S PROGRESS WHILE CAREFULLY WATCHING THE HEMOGLOBIN LEVELS...
HE'S RIGHT THERE'S NOTHING I CAN'T EVEN DECIDE WHICH TREATMENT COURSE HE SHOULD TAKE

HOW LONG ARE YOU GUYS GONNA KEEP TALK-ING----!
I'M HUNGRY----! LET'S GO NOW----!

Oh
Oh
Oh

DIDN'T YOU SAY THAT THE RESULTS WERE FINE?!
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?

YOU'RE RIGHT. THERE WAS NO PROBLEM IN THE BRAIN CT
I DON'T UNDERSTAND AT ALL!
WHY AM I NOT ALLOWED DIVE?

THERE'S SOMETHING CALLED PHLEBOTOMY, I'M EVEN THINKING ABOUT DOING THAT TREATMENT WHICH REQUIRES DRAWING OUT BLOOD PERIODICALLY...
BUT IT DOESN'T CHANGE THE FACT THAT YOU'RE IN A CONDITION WHERE YOU CAN EASILY GET A THROMBUS! WE HAVE TO SEE WHAT HAPPENS WHILE YOU TAKE MEDICINE

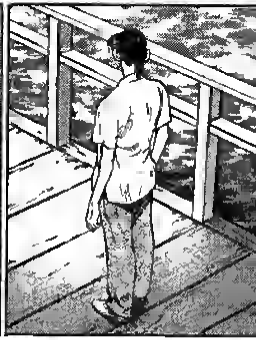
I AGREE, DIVING IS DANGEROUS FOR YOU AT THIS POINT
I CAN'T HELP IT.
CLAUDE!
DRAW- DRAWING BLOOD?!

I'LL DO IT NO MATTER WHAT ANYONE SAYS!
I WILL DIVE!!
WE'LL TRAIN YOUR BODY ON LAND FOR A WHILE
GRR...

DAMN IT.
CISSE, DON'T!

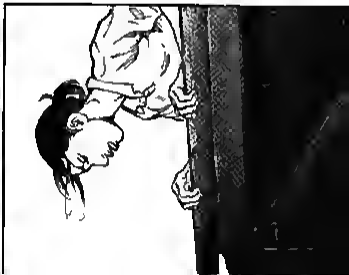
CISSE?!

HEY, HARUKA



...I DON'T KNOW WHO MY BIRTH-PARENTS ARE.

CISSE...?



AND I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE IF I BECAME THE WORLD'S BEST.
SO I WANTED TO PROVE WHO I AM.
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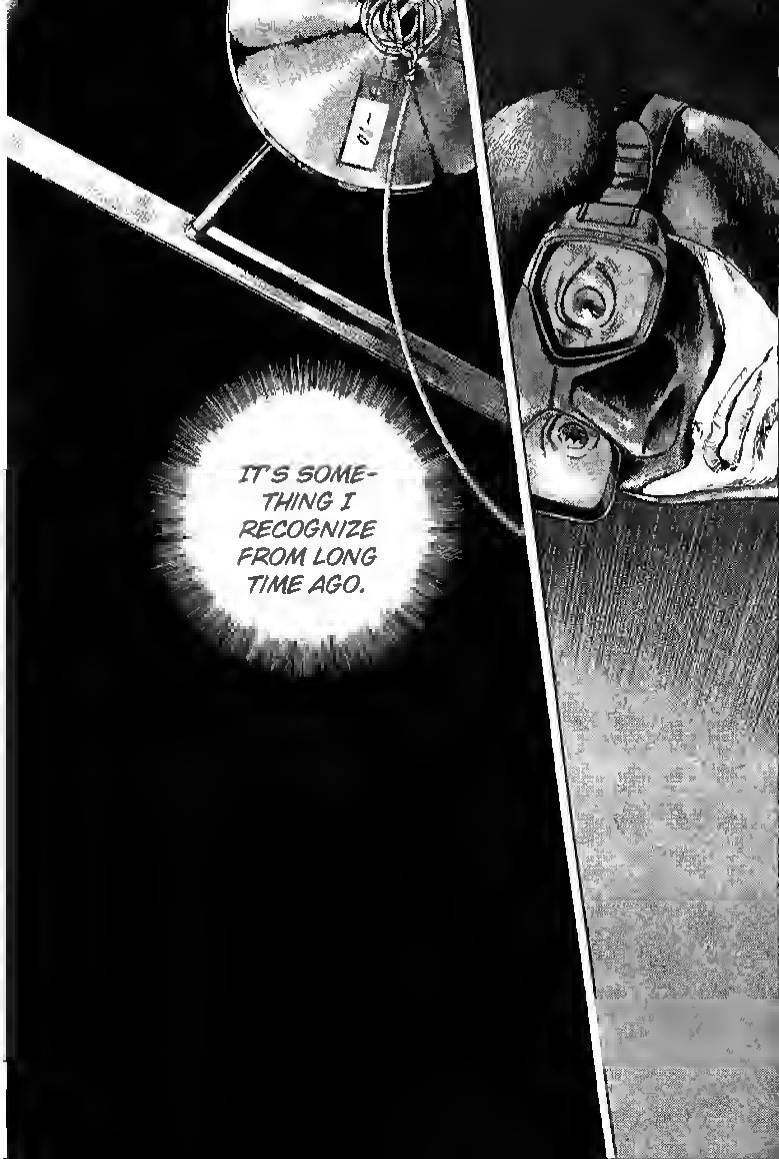
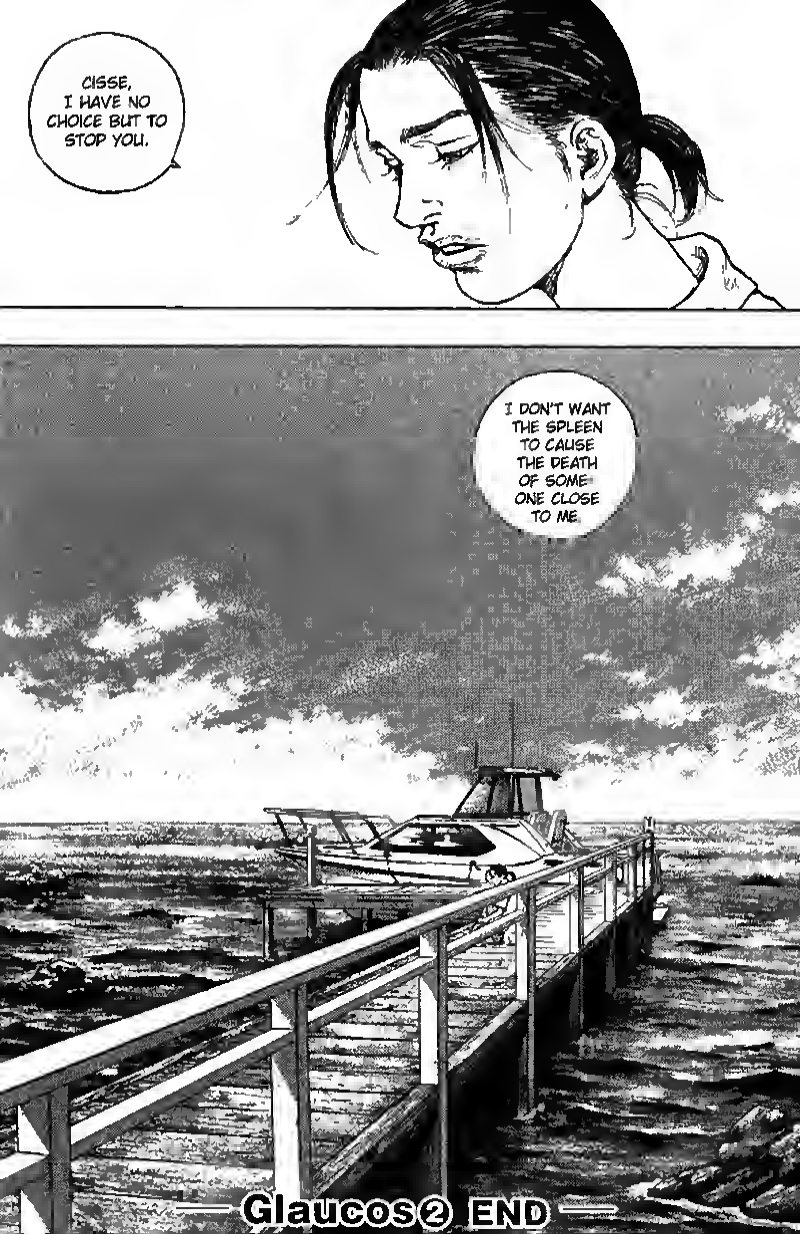
I ALSO THOUGHT ABOUT PAYING THE MEDICAL BILLS FOR MY SICK FATHER
BUT IT DOESN'T MATTER ANY-MORE.
I SAW SOME-THING WHEN I DOVE 90M AT THE LAST COM-PETITION.
HOW CAN I EXPLAIN IT...?

I WANT TO FIND OUT WHAT IT IS NO MATTER WHAT. I CAN'T STAND NOT KNOWING WHAT IT IS.


IT'S SOME-THING I RECOGNIZE FROM LONG TIME AGO.


CISSE, I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO STOP YOU.
I DON'T WANT THE SPLEEN TO CAUSE THE DEATH OF SOME-ONE CLOSE TO ME.
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